

Benedictine Catholic Communities of Saint Joseph & Saint John the Baptist

Joint Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

At Heritage Hall in St. Joseph

Meeting called by: Joyce Abeln

Note taker: Julie Ortloff

Agenda Items:	Discussion points:	Action:
1. Opening Prayer	Scripture read by Fr. Brad	
2. Approval of August 18, 2022, Minutes	Approved.	No additions or corrections
3. Brief updates from individual parish advisory councils	<p>Steve's Report for St. Joseph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Marian B. is working with the SOT Intern and will invite youth to attend our meetings. -Work is being done to establish a timely replacement of selected council representatives. -Reviewed the list of possible events to collaborate with as an ACC. -Six-week Stewardship campaign coming up in Nov. -Parish Mission in March. -Mass time change from 10:30 to 10:00am, will be evaluated after some time. <p>Joyce's Report for St. John the Baptist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Still trying to settle the hail damage claim. -Working to bring back all Liturgical Ministers. Requesting volunteers to sign-up and training new ministers. -Several upcoming events; Craft Fair, Turkey Bingo, Memorial Mass, and ACC Reconciliation Service. 	
4. ACC Council Formation Day	<p>Steve, Brian and Fr. Brad attended and reported: The day was very informative, and they heard from other ACC's who were having similar struggles with collaboration. Common issues of aging congregations and shrinking congregation sizes.</p> <p>A healthy ACC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -moves from defensive to collaborative -shares a common mission -watches to not overwork pastor & staff -sets realistic goals -plans ahead, but not farther than 3-5 years <p>The importance of including prayer and reflection in ACC Council meetings. Try to manage 2-3 main areas of collaboration yearly. Engage in SWAT analysis to recognize issues and areas of strength. Be good listeners.</p>	<p>Brian will forward a link to a video which was viewed.</p> <p>Steve will re-type his notes and share.</p> <p>New format for meeting agendas will be followed (reflection, pastor's concerns, individual parish reports, Next steps and future needs)</p>
5. Long-Range Evangelical/Collaboration ideas	<p>a. Children's Choir for ACC. Possibly to sing once a month at both parishes. Would need a director and accompanist. Director suggestions: Anita Fischer, Julia Reber. Suggested to</p>	<p>Steve will contact Anita Fischer and Julia Reber to request interest. Tess will check with SJB Faith Formation students for interest.</p>

	<p>publish a request for children interested in participating in Choir.</p> <p>b. Inviting Youth to our meetings. The importance of youth attending our meetings to share their thoughts and ideas with us. We also hope to give youth visitors a glimpse into the ongoings of the ACC Council and the ACC in general.</p> <p>c. Eucharistic Revival. Several people attended a Zoom presentation on October 5. This rolls out in several phases; the parish phase will begin next year. We should encourage parishioners to attend Diocesan events this year, to help identify leaders for the parish phase.</p>	<p>Tess has invited SJB youth to attend meetings as available. Steve and Lance will be talking to SJ youth to encourage meeting attendance.</p> <p>Check out Eucharisticrevival.org for more information.</p>
6. Normalizing our Liturgies	Fr. Brad has requested the return of the Cup, Servers, Gift Bearers (SJB) etc., based on comments from parishioners.	<p>SJB will bring back all of these ministries beginning in November, with the publication of the next schedule.</p> <p>SJ will be hosting a Ministry Fair to encourage ministry volunteers.</p>
7. Christmas Mass Schedule	<p>Fr. Brad suggested a combined Christmas Eve Liturgy in the Abbey Church. Reasons: --</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One pastor for possibly 4 Christmas liturgies is too much. -Two simultaneous early (4 or 5pm) Christmas Eve Masses. -Sub clergy will be difficult to obtain <p>Discussion: SJ has requested 4 masses. SJB has requested 1 mass. The Abbey Church would have adequate space and parking. This would be a nice way to publicly display collaboration of the ACC. SJ and SJB could musically collaborate. Fr. Brad had presented this suggestion at the last staff meeting, and financial and attendance issues were discussed. The collection would be divided, and it was thought that those who wish to attend specifically mass in SJ would then choose one of the other three mass options. After much discussion, consensus was achieved to collaborate with just one early Christmas Eve Mass to take place at the Abbey Church at either 4 or 5pm (time to be determined).</p>	Julie will check with the Abbot's Administrator to determine the exact time they would like have Christmas Eve Mass (4 or 5pm).
8. December Social	<p>SJ has traditionally hosted a holiday gathering for Council, Finance and Staff members. They have kindly extended invitation to the SJ council and staff as well. Date: Thursday, December 15. 5:30pm. Potluck. More details to follow. Br. David Paul Lange OSB will also present the findings of his ACC study.</p>	<p>Dede and Heidi will collaborate to plan this event. Invitations to follow.</p> <p>Schedule time for Br. David Paul Lange OSB</p>

9. Pastor's Concerns	Fr. Brad would like to lead a Eucharist study session: best day or time? There is another ACC Formation Day coming up in January. Fr. Brad would highly encourage more members participate.	Rick will find out some details of a similar program at a neighboring parish. Check the Diocesan website for upcoming dates.
10. Any Additions	Daniel suggested a possible shuttle to take folks from the SJ parking lot to the Abbey Church on Christmas Eve. Great idea.	Check with Trobec's or CSBSJU Link.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2023, 6:00pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Center.

Attendance:

Saint Joseph		Saint John the Baptist	
<i>A/P/V</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>A/P/V</i>	<i>Name</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Baron, Rick (Trustee)</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Vacancy (Trustee)</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Budde, Dede (Trustee)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Peternell, Heidi (Trustee)</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Steve Meyer</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Abeln, Joyce</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Daniella Zsupan-Jerome</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Hansen, Greg</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Daniel Hickman</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Koltes, Tess</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Nydeen, Lance</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Posch, Brian</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Walling, Amber (Business Administrator)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Ortloff, Julie (Business Administrator)</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Jenniges, Father Brad (Pastor)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Jenniges, Father Brad (Pastor)</i>