

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Pastor's Advisory Council

Minutes of the Meeting of May 19, 2010

The PAC meeting of May 19, 2010, was called to order by the Chair, Tom Kane, at 7:40 P.M.

Msgr. Pennington began the meeting with a prayer. A reading from the gospel of St. John, Chapter 17, verses 20-26, was followed by the group's shared reflections on the reading.

Msgr. Pennington thanked the out-going PAC members for their services and welcomed the in-coming members. He discussed the Window Rededication Project for the Historic Church and distributed drafts of a letter to parishioners and a form setting out the needs and contribution levels to meet the needs of this \$400,000 project. He discussed this work in terms of the diocesan involvement as well as that of the Polish congregation. The kick-off date for the project is June 26 at the Vigil Mass at the Historic Church. Jim Polk added that there will be posters with pictures and explanations of the damage that needs to be repaired. There was discussion of how to stress the relevance of the Historic Church to the entire community of St. John, particularly in light of needs which are felt in the school community. A group from the PAC will be appointed to assist the Pastor in discussing these issues at a meeting with the Home and School Association.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 28 were reviewed. Jim Polk moved for approval and the motion was seconded by Chris Gillis. All voted "aye" and the minutes were approved.

The Pastoral Plan Tracking Version was distributed for review. The Chair asked for volunteers to be the PAC monitoring members for the various areas of the plan. Jim Polk will be the point person for liaison between the PAC and the Pastoral Planning Committee for monitoring updates and status reports. He went over some aspects of the plan and noted the difference between the "responsible person" and the "PAC monitor" columns. A number of PAC members volunteered to monitor some of the Goals and Objectives. More monitors will be needed and will be assigned by the Chair.

Carla Haywood discussed the work of the Liturgy Committee under the Spirituality segment of the Pastoral Plan. She explained the purposes of the Committee, which are primarily to look at the Liturgy as it exists and see if it can be improved in line with the Roman Missal and to give parishioners a more satisfying and spiritual involvement in it. The Committee looks at the various ministries (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc.), and provides for training of the people serving in those ministries if needed. They have been reviewing the music recently since that is the most common subject of the questions from parishioners. The Liturgy Committee will meet on May 20.

Two items under Community Building were discussed. The article below appeared in the recent *Parish Times* with a good photograph of three of the IMH Sisters.

“SJE Celebrates 60 years of Inspiring Hearts and Minds with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Throughout the Diamond Jubilee Year (of St. John’s school), we will celebrate the tremendous gift the parish has enjoyed in the continued work of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as educators in St. John the Evangelist School and in the parish community. For the next year, throughout all new and traditional events, we will celebrate 60 years of our School, the religious and lay teachers, the students and the alumni, as well as the enduring parish commitment to our parish grade school. The Sisters’ unfailing service and academic leadership continues today.

We will kick off the Diamond Jubilee celebration on May 22nd at the St. John the Evangelist Rise to the Challenge 5K/2K run/walk. As the final event in our three-month Healthy Lifestyle Challenge, it seemed appropriate to begin our celebration with the 5K/2K, as the purpose is to strengthen our community in both body and spirit – something the Sisters have been doing for their entire 60 years here at St. John the Evangelist! All are welcome to celebrate with us; please see www.sjte.org or www.sjeparish.org for additional information. Other key events include the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Mass and Picnic on September 19th, as well as the 2010 Fall Gala & Auction on October 23rd. Please call or email Peg Daly at 301-962-8522 or peg.daly@verizon.net for additional information, or check the St. John’s Facebook Fan Page (St. John the Evangelist Alumni, 60 years of excellence).”

Marie James added, in the email message to the Chair which accompanied the above article: “People have been working hard on the Healthy Challenge run/walk and a few more volunteers are needed. We may have a photographer from the Catholic Standard since it is the kick-off for the school’s anniversary celebrations. We have a meeting scheduled on May 23 to plan further for the 60th Anniversary. Right now we’re working on the preparations for our Alumni/Parent donation campaign. We had our first upload of photos on the Alumni Facebook page - 70s. We would love to have any help (PAC or other) with the planning for the parish picnic.”

Rick Maurano reported on the Financial Stability of the Parish. He said that the Pastor will be sending out a third-quarter performance-to-budget report to the parish soon. He stated that we are current on all bills and should end the year in the black, thanks in large part to the Time, Talent, and Treasure Program and the electronic giving program (Faith Direct). For the benefit of the new PAC members, he discussed the two-step process of developing the balanced budgets which are required by the Archdiocese and also the method of assessing a per cent of the contributions that the parish receives. He said that the school budget is prepared first, and then the parish budget is prepared using the school budget as a base. We are a \$2.8 million operation with \$1.9 million of that being the school operation. The parish budget must be submitted to the Archdiocese in July. Rick pointed out that while it is essential to raise the funds to repair the Historic Church, it is only one of the seven buildings that St. John’s must maintain, and we need a game plan to raise unrestricted funds in order to take care of all of them. Sr. Roberta discussed the possibility of drawing up a list of all the parish properties and

the current needs of each in order to keep the parish more aware of the total needs. Rick Maurano and Msgr. Pennington explained our relationship with the Polish congregation and assured the Council that the Historic Church is the property of St. John's. John Capobianco reminded PAC members of the "Need to Give" emphasis of the Time, Talent, and Treasure Program rather than a "giving to a specific need" mindset.

The Installation of members was held, with Msgr. Pennington leading them in their commitment statements for the work of the coming year.

Election of new officers was held, with Tom Kane being re-elected as Chair for another term, and Chris Gillis being re-elected as Vice-Chair for another term. Allan Jimenez and Elva Riley were elected to the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, Msgr. Pennington led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Liebel