

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
New Freedom, Pa. 17349  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Date:** May 11, 2021 (virtual meeting)

**Attendance**      **Present:** Anthony Carlton, Brian Sherman, Dennis Sarpen, Gary Grant, Janice Elsen, Mary Glass, Sister Jane Keller, Patricia Wilding, Father Josh Cavender, Diana Morrison, Deacon Fred Horn, Bo Gifford, Rosemary Hartman, Tom Young, Karla Coombes,

**Absent:** Bobby Campbell, Chris Wood, Tony Forella,

**Excused:** Father Robert Yohe

The meeting was opened by Dennis Sarpen at 7:10 pm

**Opening Prayer:** Offered by Dennis Sarpen

**Review of Minutes:** Motion by Bo Gifford, seconded by Tom Young to accept the April 13, 2021 minutes as submitted. Discussion. Vote: All in Favor. Motion carried.

**PARISH MANAGER REPORT/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** Father Josh

He is holding everything together while Father Yohe is fishing. Work is being done behind the Resurrection Window in the main Church. Second HVAC unit has been installed which was paid out of Savings. Grounds are being weeded and mulched. Plexiglass (\$2,800) has been delivered to cover the stained-glass windows in the Historic Church. Social Hall floor needs repair which will cost about \$60,000. This has to be done before a scheduled wedding in August.

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Patricia\_Wilding

1. The school continues to fine tune and operate within our health and safety plan under the guidelines of the Diocese. We are waiting for the latest CDC guidelines to be adopted by the Diocese
2. We continue to offer both in-person and distance learning at each grade level. Most distance learners from this year are not returning to St. Johns next school year
3. Four classes a week are attending mass in-person while the rest are watching online.
4. Our school families donated \$430 to Change for Change for our April Mission Day and \$267 to Meals on Wheels for our May Mission Day.
5. We are currently registering students for our 2021/2022 school year. Enrollment is going well! We have 126 students registered in the elementary school and 43 students registered in the preschool
6. We have filled 1 of our 2 teacher positions and our teacher aid position. I hope to have the final teacher position filled by next week. A third, part time position opened up last week but we are able to fill the position with current staff
7. The silent auction part of our annual fund raiser grossed \$18.6 K
8. We raised over \$8 K as part of the Give Local York Campaign
9. The last day of school for preschoolers is 5/26, for distance learners is 5/28 and for in-person elementary students is 6/4

We will have one more yard sale this Saturday-Monday with \$10 charge for the space and \$20 charge for the vender. Food trucks and books sales will be available.

All candidates for Principal have been virtually interviewed with in-person interviews for the top two candidates to take place this weekend.

**RELIGIOUS ED REPORT:** Sister Jane

1. Rel. Ed Classes have concluded for this current year.
2. Many thanks to all our generous Catechists and Aides who faithfully met In-Person each week while also communicating weekly with our Remote

3. We welcomed 15 RCIA/RCIC Candidates into full membership at our Easter Vigil on Sat. April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Confirmation was celebrated with our 36 Candidates on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. First Communion was celebrated on Sat. May 1<sup>st</sup> with 27 Second Grade students.
4. A special Bulletin insert will be posted in our May 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish Bulletin noting the names of all who celebrated Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter season.
5. All First Communion students and their families were invited to participate in our May Crowning on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.
6. Rel. Ed continues to join with the school in support of all fundraisers.
7. St. John's will be hosting a Good Shepherd Formation Course for Catechists throughout the Dioceses, during the weekends of June 5-6, July 24-25 and Aug. 7-8. students.
8. We're grateful that most of our Catechists and Aides will be returning as Staff for our 2021-2022 catechetical year. However, we're in need of a few team members for some of our grades and sacrament programs.
9. Registration is open for our 2021-2022 Rel. Ed program. An electronic form has been sent to all currently registered families and to all in-active families (if known).
10. Calendaring for 2021-2022 is currently in process.
11. Our Rel. Ed Staff work together in setting guidelines for the safety and well-being of all our students.

**YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT:** Chris Wood – No report

Upcoming REVIVE Events:

May 14<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor movie night hosted by REVIVE.

May 15<sup>th</sup>: REVIVE meeting. 6-9pm in YM room. Lifeteen Liturgy Support, food, games, prayer, etc...

June 5<sup>th</sup>: REVIVE meeting. 6-9pm in YM room. Lifeteen Liturgy Support, food, games, prayer, etc...

June 12<sup>th</sup>: Paintball Event at Roundtop

June 19<sup>th</sup>: REVIVE meeting. 6-9pm in YM room. Lifeteen Liturgy Support, food, games, prayer, etc...

June 26<sup>th</sup>: Service project with St Vincent de Paul. Staircase rebuild and paint for parishioner in need.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: REVIVE meeting. 6-9pm in YM room. Lifeteen Liturgy Support, food, games, prayer, etc...

- This will be a cookout with all outdoor games (4th of July style)

July 10<sup>th</sup>: Zip Lining Event at Roundtop (if open, if not we will do something else)

July 16<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor movie night hosted by REVIVE

July 17<sup>th</sup>: REVIVE meeting. 6-9pm in YM room. Lifeteen Liturgy Support, food, games, prayer, etc...

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Steubenville Youth Conference in Ohio

- 14 teens, 3 chaperones

July 31<sup>st</sup>: Parish Festival

- Youth will help lead games for younger kids

Aug 7<sup>th</sup>: NO REVIVE

Aug 13<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor movie night hosted by REVIVE

Aug 21<sup>st</sup>: REVIVE All Night Lock In

- We do this every year to end summer
- Meet at 6pm Saturday, stay up all night into Sunday morning ☐  
Tons of games, food and prayer
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**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE:** No report

Dennis received call from B. Bittner but was unable to reach her. If anything does require attention, he will email the Council.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Karla Coombes**LOANS**

Balance on Education Building loan as of 4/30/21 is \$205,659 (the only one currently being paid down with the monthly second collection envelopes)

Balance of Church Roof Loan as of 4/30/21 is \$0 (this one is was paid off by the collections from the Magi Project)

Balance of 2019 YE Deficit Loan as of 4/30/21 is \$51,967 (is only being paid down by any additional donations for the Magi Project)

Total loan debt \$257,625.

**CASH BALANCE**

Estimated G/F Cash Balance as of 5/11/21: Positive cash balance of \$464,284.93

- This is so high because of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SBA PPP loan that was received on March 2nd in the amount of \$239,690)
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- We are essentially done receiving Tuition for the year.

**UNDESIGNATED SAVINGS**

Parish General Savings as of 4/30/21: \$25.99

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)**

- Goal for 2021/22 is the same as last year - \$192,003.
- The actual payments collected are \$75,851
- With outstanding pledges of \$15,152.
- If we are able to collect all the outstanding pledges, we will still be \$100,999 short of the assessed amount
- I had budgeted a shortfall of \$71,184
- The donations have come from 205 donors

**FAITH DIRECT**

- Enrollment is the same as last reported with 184 families
- With average weekly collection at 7,450.54

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Sister Jane thanked Tricia Wilding for her hard work as Principal and the Council wished her well in her new endeavor.

Gary Grant raised the question as to when in person Parish Council Meetings would resume. Discussion. Diocesan task force on COVID will be issuing new guidelines which may determine this. Dennis Sarpen will also discuss with Fathers Yohe and Wilke.

The collection basket method during Mass was discussed. The ushers missing part of the Consecration to place the donations in the sacristy was the old practice. Since COVID the baskets are left in the rear of the Church. Discussion. Dennis Sarpen will also bring this up with Fathers Yohe and Wilke.

Father Yohe's last day will be June 20. A farewell was discussed such as Coffee and Donuts held outside. Karla will check with Pam and Barbara regarding the particulars. Dennis also informed us that the Installation of the new Pastor is done with Finance and Parish Council Committees.

With regard to the Parish Council Elections which were not held due to COVID, Dennis went over the term expirations of some of the Council members. He will talk with Fathers Yohe and Wilke to determine how this will be handled going into the 21/22 session.

**Next Meeting:** June 8, 2021

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Josh Cavender

The meeting was closed at 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Glass

**PRAYER LEADERS:**

October – Gary Grant

November – Brian Sherman

December – Dennis Sarpen

January – Bobby Campbell

February – R. Hartman

March – Anthony Carleton

April – Diana Morrison

May – Tony Forella