

Parishes' Pastoral Council

St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph's and the Church of St. Mary

January 10, 2017 at Church of St. Mary Parish Center, Room 4

Meeting Minutes

Council members in attendance: Judy Buono, Steve Buono, Chris Desany, Patricia Englund, Fr. David LeFort, Deacon Greg Mansfield, Lora Santilli, and Rita Zenzen.

Council members not present: Dave Hans, Rich Harbeck, and Kane Malone.

Opening Prayer- Fr. David

•• Main objective of meeting: Elect Officer positions from discerned members.

•• After a period of discussion, it was concluded that the Council could proceed with having only one Chair and a Secretary. It is noted that this is a deviation from Article IV Sections 1 and 3 of the Statutes that forms the Executive Committee of the Council. Of course, we are free to re-consider this at some later time. With that approval, Chris Desany accepted the position of Chair and Judy Buono the position of Secretary. These positions are for a 2-year period (concluding Summer 2018) and are eligible for re-election.

•• Terms of Office for Membership on the Council

•• Article III, Section 4 of the Statutes requires the staggering of terms for discerned and appointed members of the Council at this initial meeting.

- Kane Malone, the appointed Youth Representative will serve a 1-year term, concluding Summer 2017.
- Patricia Englund and Rita Zenzen will serve a 1st term of 2 years, concluding Summer 2018, and be eligible for a 2nd term of 3 years.
- Judy Buono and Chris Desany will serve a 1st term of 3 years, concluding Summer 2019, and be eligible for a 2nd term of 3 years.

Discussion for next meeting: Think about “Evangelization”; what it means to us; how are we evangelizing in our own churches, in general; as evangelizers, we need to consider what we would be inviting people to; what might one expect to see or not see; what would keep you from staying or leaving churches? It was also discussed that we, in the future, could visit other churches and see how they provide hospitality to both parishioners/visitors at Mass. This will be an ongoing discussion due to its importance.

Finally, the main objective of evangelization: to foster/allow a real, personal and communal experience/relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 6:30 pm / Church of St. Mary Parish Center, Rm. 4.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Buono, Secretary