

***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church***  
***Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – June 27, 2018***

**In attendance:** Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Sue Casilio, Margaret Cusack, Rob Fohl, Jeff Schoenborn, Andrew Suchyna, Amy Vossen Vukelic, John Wilde

**Excused:** Deacon Tom Friedman, Chrissy Erbacher, Catherine Friedman, Meghan Rogers, Ted Smith,

**Guests:** Bruce Zgoda, Robert Poczik, Jim Beardi, Mike Hahn, two parishioners

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. Minutes and agenda were approved.
3. Finance Committee - Bruce Zgoda updated the Council on the financial status of the parish. We are currently in good shape, but our collections are increasingly falling short of our desired goal and expenses are rising. There is a need for all administrative branches of the parish to work more closely together. A number of suggestions were presented as to how we can better carry out the mission of our Church, including a closer breakdown of contributions at each weekend Mass and a need to clarify our vision and path to the future. Time, talent and treasure of all our members play an important part in assessing the health of our community. Further study of this matter will continue. Other suggestions included comparing monthly contributions from years previous, publishing contributions each month, and a review of how we use and report data.
4. Safe Environment—John Wilde distributed a draft of a letter to our community outlining our safe environment policies and procedures. Each parish employee and volunteer goes through the Diocese of Buffalo training process using VIRTUS as a resource guide and mechanism for maintaining records of training. Everyone must comply.
5. Father Ron's report was based on a presentation of Pope Francis's evaluation of the Diocese of Rome which the Pope referred to as exhausted and slaving under a system that continues to repeat its way of doing things rather than embrace change. More discussion followed on what our community can do to affect a new outcome for our Parish thereby complying with the Pope's vision.
6. Church Space – Rob Fohl updated the Council on the improvements planned for providing additional meeting areas in the church and improved access. We currently have enough resources to fund the proposed improvements.
7. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next meeting: July 25. Future Meetings: August 22.