

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church*  
*Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – September 19, 2016*

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**In attendance:** Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Deacon Tom Friedman, Margaret Cusack, Kevin Dean, Chrissy Erbacher, Rob Fohl, Catherine Friedman, Michele Mogavero, Bob Poczik, Jeff Schoenborn, Andrew Suchyna, Ted Smith, Amy Vosson Vukelic, John Wilde, Fred Zazycki

1. Meeting opened with prayer.
2. Election of officers/Introduction of new members:
  - a. Rob Fohl led the voting for Chair. Bob Poczik was elected unanimously.
  - b. Vice-Chair – Rob Fohl was elected, also unanimously.
  - c. Chrissy Erbacher and Ted Smith are new council members.
3. PC Operating Procedures – Two changes were proposed to the Operating Procedures:
  - a. Addition of a second Vice-Chair position to allow for three people in council leadership.
  - b. Modification of the number of council members to seven to ten (previously was seven to nine).A notice will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks as stipulated in the operating procedures to allow feedback from parishioners. Voting on the changes will take place during the October meeting.
4. Minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by those attending the July meeting.
5. Fr. Ron
  - a. A celebration is planned for October 16th to thank Fr. Mark for his service to Nativity. It will take place on Sunday at the 5:00 PM Mass with a reception in the Paa Center to follow. Representatives from LFF and PC will plan the reception. St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres' parishioners will be invited.
  - b. A parishioner (Delores Garguiolo) expressed an interest in Nativity establishing a prayer garden with an opportunity to donate bricks with a name engraved in memory of a loved one. Good suggestion. This will be discussed further with other space issues.
6. Review of 2015-16 – Bob presented a PowerPoint reviewing the accomplishments of the PC over the past year, as well as, suggested issues to focus on in the coming year. Considerable progress has been made on elements of the Strategic Plan. The plan will be reviewed and updated, possibly extending it out past 2017. The information presented by Bob will be made available on the Parish Council (Parish Administration) page of the Nativity website.
7. Nativity School Update – Fr. Ron
  - a. The interim team created to serve until the new principal was hired worked well. Fr. Ron and Janet Paul worked with them, giving all a new perspective on the school. The team is continuing to work with Joseph Roaldi, the new principal. Due to Mr. Roaldi's experience with the STREAM program, Nativity has been grandfathered into the process by the diocese.
  - b. The new Kindergarten room is fully operational. The media center has also been completed utilizing current equipment. (Additional equipment will be purchased with grant money.)
  - c. Formation of the new School Board is underway. Fr. Ron discussed with the trustees proposed membership and explained the new board of limited jurisdiction with them. Pastors with a number of students attending the school have been invited to be on the board. Fr. Dave Baker (St. Theresa's in Akron) has responded. Margaret Cusack will be the PC liaison to the School Board.
8. Lifelong Faith Formation Update – John
  - a. New programs are underway. Meghan is working on ministries to young families. An overview of all the programs is in the September 4<sup>th</sup> bulletin which is available on the parish website.
  - b. Stephanie worked with three adults from the parish to plan the young adult ministry for the next three years.
  - c. John received a good response from the parish to help in the LFF programs.
  - d. More development needed in the area of discipleship.
  - e. Ongoing need for more space.
  - f. Meetings of the pastoral team have been very helpful.

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9. Pastoral Associate Update – Amy

- a. The picnic to celebrate Mary’s feast day came together well with a number of people coordinating different aspects of the day. It was well attended.
- b. Being present on Sunday’s for three of the four weekends has allowed Amy to meet many people, follow-up with others, and handle some parish business that previously required someone to stop at the rectory.
- c. Meeting with those running the different ministries.
- d. 450 families have joined the parish in the past year. Amy sending out 5-8 new parishioner packets weekly. Working on a way to bring the new parishioners together to meet each other and staff.
- e. Looking for ways to weave Catholic social teaching throughout all ministries.
- f. Two circles on race were held with Nativity and St. Martin de Porres. #ONEBODY is the name selected by the group. Additional meetings to be held.
- g. Retreat for Eucharistic ministers and lectors will be held by Fr. John and Amy in October. It will be offered on two dates (October 18 and 22).
- h. Adult confirmation class of 5 sessions has been started.
- i. Bereavement committee is starting a support group. More information in the future.

10. Vicariate Update - Cathy

- a. Nativity will be one of the host parishes for the vicariate Lenten lectures in 2017, “The Saints of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”. Date to be confirmed.
- b. A celebration is being planned for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Saturday, May 13th. The vicariate would like to hold the celebration at a parish named for Mary. Three are in the vicariate: Nativity of the BVM, Our Lady of Peace, and St. Mary’s (Swormville)

11. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Monday, October 17. Future meetings: 2016: November 21, December 19. 2017: January 23, February 27, March 20, April 24, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21.

All meetings will take place in the Msgr. Paa Center at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.