ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Emily Antin, Pat Ballard, Dick Brozic, Ann Counihan, Jim Emery, Tica Hanson, Elaine Hauff, Dennis Heaney, Rob Ley, Mike Rydberg

ABSENT: Fr. Jim Cassidy, Fr. Jim DeBruycker, Diane Moe, Andrea Palumbo, Ellen Velasco-Thompson, Kathy Wedl

WELCOME PRAYER: Pat Ballard MISSION/ VISION READINGS: read by all

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2019: approved by unanimous consent

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION REPORT BY DIRECTOR MARIE BISSONNETTE; Marie gave a very nice overview of the many programs for 1st through 6th graders at SJA. This includes Sunday classes, At-Home studies, First Communion programs, and First Reconciliation programs, for approximately 140 families. There are many events for the kids to participate in including a Welcome Back Brunch, an Advent Family Evening, a Jesse Tree Gift Collection, People Serving People, a Christmas Musical, the Children’s Choir, a Lenten Service Night, and a number of other things. Parish Council members are encouraged to volunteer for the Lenten Service night in the gym.

Many people help make all of this work especially Marie’s associate Becky Grover. Plus, there is a great team including Magnolia Ditzler (PreK/K Director), Michelle Dehn (Nursery Co-op Director), and 29 volunteer teachers and teen aids.

We discussed how busy families are today and what a challenge it is to get and keep them engaged in church programs.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Dennis Heaney in Father DeBruycker’s absence. Staff is very busy planning Advent and Christmas liturgies.

Neighbor, Synagogue ShirTikvah, is treating SJA parishioners to homemade treats this Sunday (12/8/19) as an expression of gratitude for working with them this year to host them on our campus for their Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in October.

LAY ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE: provided by Kathy Wedl in an email. Kathy hosted the LAB deanery meeting at SJA 12/3/19. Many issues were discussed and will be forwarded to Archbishop Hebda.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Dennis Heaney Dennis presented a handout for the SJA Financial Activities as of October. Overall numbers are good and our capital campaign drive pledges should be complete in February. Facilities is working priorities for the parish campus going forward.
LIAISON MINI REPORT: Mike Rydberg was in contact with our Pastoral Ministries Director - Sherri Stella. Sherri is very busy with many important things including prayer shawl ministry, NAMI family support, annulments, etc.

NEW MEMBER DINNER: next dinner is now set for January 29th, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:
Members are encouraged to sign up for their liaison reports. Open dates include January, March, April, May, and July.

CLOSING PRAYER: Pat Ballard