The meeting was held at the new parish center at Saint Mary’s and called to order at 7:12 pm

Role call of council members and guests:

- Angie McMaster (co-chair) (absent)
- Ray Wagner
- Jessica Hagg (absent)
- Peter Lando (co-chair)
- Chicki Rigazio (absent)
- Paul Therrien
- Father Brian Mahoney
- Mike Condor
- Laura Conte
- Father Corey Bassett-Tirrell
- Scott Davidson
- Augustine Tweneh
- Drew Jubinville
- Karen Drake
- Ellen St. George
- Lori McDonald
- Rob Donnelly
- Beth Jacavanco
- Delaney Schiefen (youth) (absent)
- Cathy Latina
- Katrina Horan
- Steve McMillan
- Seminarian Andrew John Rondelli

1) The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Father Brian using the iBreviary phone app.

2) The minutes from the September meeting were not available but will be reviewed and approved when they are.

3) The group welcomed new committee members Steve McMillan and Cathy Latina from Saint Marys as well as Drew Jubenville and Katrina Horan from Saint Johns.

4) Father Brian gave an update on some of the facilities projects listed below. He stated projects are being completed on a priority basis.
   a) All of the funds have been received to begin the project on a new lift at Saint Marys. Once started the project will take approximately 2 to 3 months to complete.
   b) The walk way at Saint Johns is currently being worked on.
   c) The new parish center at Saint Johns will need work soon, especially the floors and the door ways. It will probably cost a few hundred thousand dollars to complete all of the repair work.
   d) Saint John’s bell tower and chimney is also in need of repair. The problem encountered so far is getting available masons as many are very busy and don’t want to work at that height.
   e) The ramp at Saint Marys is another project on the docket. This project will probably cost in the $ 60,000 to $ 75,000 range.
   f) The doors at Saint Marys need to be replaced at approximately $ 10,000 per door.
   g) The repaving of the parking lot at Saint Johns is currently in negotiations as it involves an easement that is also going on with an adjoining property.

5) The group then discussed the current shortfall of the weekly offertory at both parishes. At the present time Saint Marys is approximately $29,000 below the budgeted amount for the fiscal year while Saint Johns is approximately $20,000 below. Father Brian stated that the money that was brought in during the Spring will cover the current shortfall but he will monitor the situation closely during September and October and report back at the November PCC and Finance Council meetings. At which point, he will ask for input from these councils on how to address the parishioners. Father Corey advocated that the use of electronic giving be emphasized as well as a relational approach with our parishioners. Ray Wagner added that electronic giving will definitely be of importance, especially with the weekend Mass schedule changing at some point in the future. The shortage of priests is not only having an effect on our parish but others as well. Father Brian’s long term goal is that our collaborative become more of a tithing community.

6) The group then discussed potential new initiatives for the P.C.C.
a) How do we sell / evangelize the Catholic church to others as Priests can only do so much? The parishioners job is to evangelize and get the people to church. One thought is to invite others (both Catholic and non-Catholic) into our community (both Catholic and non-Catholic) to gatherings on common non-religious aspects of life we all share (such as: Health, Crafts, Cybersecurity, Financial Planning, etc.). Father Brian asked if 3 or 4 members of the P.C.C. could form a committee to design this initiative.

7) Father Corey updated the group on the progress of his adult faith formation program and provided dates of upcoming events.

8) It was reported that the new youth faith formation program is going well. The kids seem to be very excited and interested in what they are learning.

9) Today’s Gospel which concentrated on in increase in faith was discussed next. Paul Therrien and Peter Lando both shared their thoughts on this Gospel as well as the homilies delivered by Father Brian and Father Corey over the weekend. Father Brian stated that faith is not about proof and that we can't be human without faith.

10) Round table discussion
Katrina Horan stated her concerns about the mother’s group at Saint Johns as participation is very low.
Steve McMillan gave an update on dates and times that the rosary will be recited at the Grotto at Saint Marys during October.
Father Corey announced an upcoming adult faith formation event that will occur on Dec 7th.
Karen Drake asked that everyone keep her in their prayers.
Drew Jubenville announced the dates for the upcoming men’s and women’s ACTS retreats next year. The men’s retreat will be held during Valentine’s Day weekend while the women’s will be held the last weekend in April.
Beth Jacavanco commented that the women’s retreat and Father Brian’s annual pasta dinner fall on same weekend in April.
Ellen St. George reported that the Hope Conference held at the Lowell Auditorium over the weekend was probably the best one so far however attendance was the lowest. She also mentioned that there is a new free ‘Museum of Prayer’ at Stonehill College that Chickie Rigazio would like to organize a field trip for. Ellen also mentioned that there will be 3 new Christian movies coming out over the next year.
Scott Davidson thanked everyone who participated in the annual collaborative outdoor Mass and BBQ held in September at Saint Johns great lawn.
Seminarian Andrew John Rondelli announced a class at Saint Marys church he will be leading after Columbus Day on Monday evenings.
Rob Donnelly re-emphasized the spiritually enlightening many have received by attending the ACTS retreat. He and Father Brian encouraged all in the room who have not attended the retreat yet to pray fully consider going on one.

11) List of tasks to be completed prior to next month's meeting
a) Review of monthly meeting minutes by ALL P.C.C. members once they are sent via email by Ray.
b) Update on facility projects by Father Brian.
c) Update from ‘new initiatives’ committee.

Closing prayer was an ‘Hail Mary’

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Sunday November 3rd, 2019 – 7 pm

Respectfully submitted

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Ray Wagner