

## St John Vianney Parish Council Minutes

January 13, 2014

### **Members Present:**

Fr. Ken, Pastor  
Mike Ostrenga, Trustee Treasurer  
Ken Kern, Trustee Secretary  
Brian Schloemer, Vice Chair  
Doug Wildes, Secretary  
Dan Pilon, Christian Formation Liaison  
Bill Hattendorf, School Board Liaison  
Cheryl Pabich, Stewardship Liaison  
Kathleen Rave, Human Concerns Liaison  
Kim Prudlow, Prayer & Worship Liaison  
Mike Post, Administrative Services /Finance Liaison

### **Excused:**

Fr. Philip, Associate Pastor and Maria Pascente, Chair

### **Guests Present:**

David Sanders, Director of Liturgy Music  
Vincent LaTona, Associate Director of Liturgy & Music

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved via e-mail from the Parish Council (PC) members.

### **Call to Order:**

The Parish Council (PC ) meeting was opened at 6:30pm with prayer and faith sharing led by Fr. Ken. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the Baptism of Jesus.

**Staff Objectives for 2014:** David Sanders gave an overview of his job description and then provided the group with the following objectives.

1. Review the changes and improvements with the Liturgies.
2. Increase the number of parishioners to become more involved in the services through the music.
3. Review, evaluate and report the findings of hard cover vs. paper (soft) cover hymnals. Due to the publishers copyright law the current Breaking Bread hymnals must be replaced annually. Hard cover hymnals do not have the same copyright laws and would have life time of 8-10 years. Dave is working on a proposal to help determine which option would be the most cost effective for the parish. He estimates this can be accomplished before we are in the 2014-2015 order cycle.
4. Continue to visit other parishes for environmental ideas.
5. Continue with the learning, growth and development of the new organ. David is looking to have an organ recital for the entire parish.

6. There was short information meeting held on the role of the hospitality ministers to provide those who were interested on what they do at the Masses.

Vincent LaTona shared his job duties to include directing the children's choir, playing for daily Masses Monday – Friday along with the 5pm Sunday Mass.

David and Vincent then concluded with some discussion of the types of music used at SJV.

**Liaison Reports:**

School Board: Bill Hattendorf reported that an Exemplary School Grant for SJV has been filed with the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The K4/K5 open house was very successful with 10 new families signing up. The new school video has made it on "U-Tube" and has had about 1800 "hits" already. M.A.P.S. testing is being used to compare the SJV students with other students. Enrollment is up to 472 students vs. the September number of 459. A discussion followed of the continued use of the Common Core Practice at SJV and within the Milwaukee Archdiocese which is fully supported by the PC. The School Board will begin planning their budget at their next meeting in February.

Administrative Services/Finance: Mike Post reported the Archdiocese has approved the revised/ new balanced budget for SJV. PC members will receive updated financials at the next meeting in February. They also will be providing some Building & Grounds capital improvement recommendations. The committee is also looking into another bench mark study regarding salaries and tuition.

Christian Formation: Dan Pilon reported they are still in need for more volunteers to help with RCIA, mission trips and letters from parishioners on "Why I Believe."

Prayer & Worship: Kim Prudlow referred to those comments from David Sanders & Vincent LaTona as her report.

Human Concerns: Kathleen Rave reported the Mass at Prince of Peace for Epiphany went very well. The committee is looking at using Facebook as a means to get the word out about the 32 different ministries at SJV. Current estimates show that the SJV ministries reach out to about 17,000 people in our community.

Stewardship: Cheryl Padich reported the budget numbers from the 2013 campaign have not yet been completed but should be ready by the next PC meeting in February. There was much discussion on how to coordinate all the different fund raising "wants" within SJV. The process of establishing the who & how for approval of the requested fund raising activity is done, but the Stewardship Committee needs to come up with Application For Fund Raising form.

Pastoral Council By-Laws 2014: Fr. Ken led the discussion of the process to be followed for Pastoral Council nominations, the selection of new Standing Committee members and where the Pastoral Council members are to come from. After lengthy discussion the PC approved the new Pastoral Council Norms by consensus. The following current PC members will continue onto the 2014 Pastoral Council with these terms of office, Kim Prudlow, Dan Pilon and Doug Wildes--all two year terms. Maria Pascente, Brian Schloemer, and Kathleen Rave--1 year terms. The balance of the members will be

discerned from nominations coming from all standing committee members. Fr. Ken will be asking Brian Schloemer to consider the position of Trustee Treasurer. If Brian does become a trustee, then Bill Hattendorf will fill Brian's one year term.

Follow-up from the December meeting: Brian Schloemer handed out the completed Strategic Plan (SP) packet. After each SP was reviewed by the PC, all Standing Committee liaisons were instructed to take their 2013 SP back to their committees with new ideas for the 2014 SP. At the February 17<sup>th</sup> Common Leadership Night (CLN) meeting these new ideas should be presented to the rest of their Standing Committee. Each Standing Committee is to plan to finalize their 2014 SP by the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 CLN.

Pastoral Report: Fr. Ken reported the Archdiocese has established new guidelines for Missionary Coop Plan so that our sister parish in Peru could be our assigned mission speaker each year. SJV will have 2 missionary speakers each year either way. One is Santisimo Sacramento Parish in Piura, Peru. The second being the Mission Coop Plan speaker assigned to SJV by the Archdiocese. SJV has been asked to host a Synod District meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students of SJV will have Read-A-Thon for the school children of Santisimo Sacramento parish school in Piura, Peru. Fr. Ken & Rob Mitchell have had some planning discussions regarding salaries within the parish. Jerry Wrobbel has stepped down as the head counter of Sunday collections and as of January 1 two new teams have been established to count the collection. A thank you lunch was held at the North Star Bistro for the counting team to honor Jerry's years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm with prayer and the exchange of the sign of peace.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Wildes, PC Secretary