

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Minutes

August 18, 2014

Members Present: Fr. Ken Knippel – Pastor, Fr. Philip Schumaker – Associate Pastor, Ken Kern – Trustee Secretary, Brian Schloemer – Trustee Treasurer, Maria Pascente – Chair, Doug Wildes – Vice Chair, Kim Prudlow – Secretary/Worship Liaison, Bill Hattendorf – Finance Council Rep., Robert Scott – Finance Council Rep., Betsy Wellenstein – Formation Liaison, Kathy Rave – Human Concerns Liaison, JoAnn Cekanor – School Committee Liaison, Dan Pilon – Stewardship Liaison

Call To Order: The St. John Vianney (SJV) Pastoral Council (PC) meeting was opened at 7pm by Maria Pascente.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 2014 PC meeting were approved. A brief discussion was held on how minutes may be approved in the future. We will attempt to do this via email.

Pastor Report: Fr. Ken reported that the Festival cleared approximately \$135,000, which is roughly \$40,000 over what was expected in the budget. The air conditioning appeal that went out in July resulted in approximately \$11,000 in donations toward the cost of the replacement. The overall required money from the reserves was less than originally expected. Fr. Ken briefly discussed the arrival of Aaron Laskiewicz and SJV as a “Teaching Parish”. Aaron has been introduced to the staff and the team that will help with his development is now in place.

Finance Council Report: The first meeting of the newly-formed Finance Council is complete and Officers were discerned. The chair is Randy Freeman. The Committee spent time reviewing their committee norms and the newly-organized Chart of Accounts that has been worked on by Rob Mitchell.

Stewardship Report: Dan Pilon reported on the selection of a consulting firm that will help with the launch of the Treasure portion of the Annual Campaign that will launch in the fall. Over the last several years the amount raised through the Annual Campaign has been stagnant and that the consultant has suggested they will be able to possibly help us increase contributions 15-20%. Fr. Ken signed a one year contract with Cunneen. The Time & Talent portion of the Annual Campaign will launch later, perhaps January. It has been determined that the Parish’s Annual Report will no longer be printed in bulk and mailed to each registered household. Instead, in an effort to save cost & “go green”, a more condensed and easier to read report will be available in the Parish Office (multiple copies), and will be stuffed in the bulletin. A link will be made available on the Parish Website.

School Committee Report: It was reported that the School Committee’s Strategic Plan is nearly complete with final tweaks expected to be finished within the next several days.

Standing Committee Guidelines: The PC reviewed a draft of the guidelines that will be given to each of the Standing Committees. Minor adjustments and suggestions were made and a final draft will be given to the committees at Common Leadership Night for review and approval.

Pastoral Council Planning: The PC reviewed goals set for the year and added items to focus on over the 2014/2015 PC meetings. The goals are five:

1. 1. Update Standing Committee Guidelines to reflect common themes of new Norms and update/add committee responsibilities as they relate to Strategic Planning and year end transitions. (Lead: Maria)
2. Review Parish Objective for Strategic Planning for current viability. (Lead: Maria)
3. Assess what we might stop doing as a parish since it is no longer helpful or needed. (Lead Dan)
4. Support the revitalization of the SCRIP program as a parish wide fundraising opportunity. (Lead: Bill)
5. See that the PC responds well to any Synod recommendations coming from the Arch. (lead Fr. Philip)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with the exchange of the sign of peace.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Prudlow – PC Secretary