

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Minutes

December 10, 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, JoAnne Cekanor – School Committee Liaison, Dan Pilon – Stewardship Liaison, Kathy Rave – Human Concerns Liaison

Guest: Aaron Laskiewicz, St. Francis de Sales seminarian

Call to Order: The St. John Vianney (SJV) Pastoral Council (PC) meeting was opened at 6:34 pm by Maria Pascente.

Secretary's Report: Kim Prudlow reported that the minutes of the October 2014 PC meeting had been approved via email and submitted for publishing. The Council was given a brief update on the progress of a new video being worked on by members of the Pastoral Council and the Stewardship Committee for the Time and Talent portion of Parish Stewardship Appeal to be shown in church at the end of February. Meetings and development continue with the help of Duane McAlister, Chair of the Stewardship Committee and Dianne Bennett.

President's Report: Maria updated the Council on the latest District meeting. (Pat Butler – SJV Synod representative attended the district meeting as Maria's designee) The discussion at the meeting centered around the special Synod District meeting SJV leaders will attend in February regarding how to proceed with the recommendations made through the Synod .

Vice-Chair's Report: Doug Wildes discussed the proposed Strategic Goals workshop (for all the committees to participate in) that will be held on next Common Leadership Night (CLN), January 12, 2015. This workshop is expected to review the Parish Strategic Goals developed over 5 years ago to see if they are still relevant to the current work of the Parish. Doug walked the Council through the process and forms that will be used on January 12th.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Ken reported his disappointment over the work of the outside company that was brought in to help with the Treasure portion of the Stewardship Appeal. After much work to organize the launch of the campaign the company let us down by not completing all of the mailers on time and as expected. The Parish Office staff and a number of volunteers completed the second round of mailers and they were scheduled to mail out the next day. To the date of the meeting approximately 350 replies had been received and "Thank You" letters were scheduled to go out. The Trustee will wrap up the drive after the 1st of the year and will announce the results of the drive.

Stewardship Report: Dan Pilon reported that the committee had a number of volunteers set to help stuff envelopes in the Parish Office to complete the next mailing of the Stewardship Appeal as Father Ken had mentioned. The Stewardship Committee had been working on a review of the Parish's Ministry list to make sure they were all still active. He discussed the schedule for the rollout of the Time & Talent

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portions of the Stewardship Appeal with the hope of getting packets out to households by the end of January, 2015 giving our parish member's till early March to prayerfully consider how they can help.

Finance Council Report: Bill Hattendorf reported that the next Budget Committee has been formed and dates set for work to begin on the next year's budget. The Infinite Campus program is to be installed. This software is to be used by the school for reporting grades and other information, which will improve communication between the school and parents as well as providing a number of efficiencies for the school operations.

The transition to Faith Direct for on-line giving is going smoothly.

As of 11/15/14 the Cure d'Ars fund had received pledges of approximately \$119,000 and collected \$94,000 of those pledges. This is slightly ahead of the same period last year.

Human Concerns Report: Kathy Rave reported on the Angel Tree and that all items had been selected from the trees. Kathy also filled the Council in on the Feast of Kings/Epiphany that is to be held on January 4th at Prince of Peace. After 11:30 Mass there will be a Christmas pageant followed by traditional Mexican food in the church hall. SJV participants are asked to bring a dessert to share.

School Committee Report: JoAnne Cekanor reported that the projected enrollment for next year had been exceeded. While 455 students had been planned for, we currently have 459 enrolled.

The committee is planning a survey for early next year that will help with long range planning for the school.

Members of the committee worked on the logistics for the school's open house in January, the Shamrock Success flyer and the idea of starting a subcommittee for Community Related Events which would be an extension of Home & School

Formation Committee Report: Betsy Wellenstein reported that the Mission Committee has been meeting in anticipation of the Parish Mission which will be held Feb. 15-17. It will be presented by Deacon Ministries. There will be a call for volunteers to help at each session.

PC Goals Reports: Bill Hattendorf reported on the results of his discussion with the organizers of the Scrip Program at the school. New routes of ordering are available on-line. Details are/will be in the bulletin. We will not be discussing this issue as Pastoral Council any more. It has reached its peak here at SJV and we have concluded it is what it is and will not attempt to grow the program. Expansion of it presents an abundance of management issues.

Wrap up items: Reminder from Doug Wildes to the Committees that updates to Strategic Plans are due to him by the end of January.

The meeting was adjourned with the Sign of Peace.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Prudlow – PC Secretary