

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Minutes

December 7, 2015

Members Present: Fr. Ken Knippel – Pastor, Fr. Philip Schumaker – Associate Pastor, Brian Schloemer-Trustee Treasurer, Ken Kern – Trustee Secretary, Doug Wildes – Chair, Robert Scott – Vice Chair, Kim Prudlow – Secretary, Dan Pilon – Finance Council Rep., JoAnn Cekanor – School Committee Liaison, Robb Lied – Stewardship Liaison, Renee Larson – Human Concerns Liaison, Judy Kile – Worship Liaison

Members Excused: Betsy Wellenstein – Formation Liaison

Guest: Aaron Laskiewicz, St. Francis de Sales seminarian

Call to Order: The St. John Vianney (SJV) Pastoral Council (PC) meeting was opened at 6:35pm by Doug Wildes. Father Ken led the group in a prayer service for the Year of Mercy.

Pastor's Report: Father Ken updated the Council on the progress of the Doors to our Faith Campaign. As of December 3rd, SJV had secured gifts totaling \$1,500,000. The target for wrapping up the in-person appeals is 12/17/15. Commitment weekend, where pledge cards will be placed in baskets, will be celebrated at all Masses on December 19-20. No update was available at the time for the progress of the Stewardship or Cure D'Ars campaigns.

Chair's Report: A few names have been put forward for Festival leadership and are in discussions with the current leadership to see if it will be a good fit. Any other individuals interested should contact Father Ken to discuss.

Vice-Chair's Report: A reminder was given that updates to strategic plans are due by the end of January. Committee Liaisons were reminded to touch base with the Vice-Chair of their committee on completion and submission of their plans.

Robert filled the council in on the District Meeting he attended in October. It included a presentation from Catholic Charities, discussions on Synod implementation and some faith formation/college age mentorship programs.

Finance Council Report: Dan reported that the Finance Council met with the Brandon Sak of the Steier Group, on the progress of the Doors to our Faith Campaign.

Rob Mitchell updated the Finance Council that at this time no urgent projects are needed or scheduled to be done on the facilities.

SJV has received approximately \$80,000 in unexpected bequests this year. No plans have been made for these funds, other than repairs that are needed to the hand bells.

School Committee Report: The Committee is happy to report that they have Chairs for the next Bids for Kids Fundraiser.

Contracts are currently due for students next year. An update is expected shortly on enrollment numbers based on those contracts.

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January 8th & January 12th are the dates that have been set for the School's open house.

Formation Committee: Father Phillip updated the Council on the work of the Formation Committee. They are currently looking into the possibilities of a faith formation program rather than the current classroom based program. They are currently looking at different programs for ideas.

Wrap up items: Next Common Leadership Night is January 11th. There is no Pastoral Council meeting that night.

In February, we will be discerning new members to the Pastoral Council. An email will go out to all committee members in late January looking for nominees to Pastoral Council. Committee members are welcome to nominate themselves or another member of any of the standing committees who they feel would be a good addition to the Pastoral Council.

The meeting was adjourned with the Sign of Peace at 7:45pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Prudlow – PC Secretary