

## St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Minutes

February 23, 2015

**Members Present:** Fr. Ken Knippel – Pastor, Fr. Philip Schumaker – Associate Pastor, Ken Kern – Trustee Secretary, 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, JoAnn Cekanor – School Committee Liaison, Dan Pilon – Stewardship Liaison, Kathy Rave – Human Concerns Liaison

**Members Excused:** Brian Schloemer – Trustee Treasurer

**Guest:** Aaron Laskiewicz, St. Francis de Sales seminarian

**Call to Order:** The St. John Vianney (SJV) Pastoral Council (PC) meeting was opened at 8:55pm by Maria Pascente.

**Secretary's Report:** The Council was updated that the new Pastoral Council members for next year had been discerned earlier that evening. Renee Larson, Judy Kile & Robb Lied will be the new members. Marian Ostrowski is the PC Alternate. A brief update on the completion of the new Stewardship video to be shown before each Mass the first weekend in March was given. Reminders will go out to the Committee Chairs in early March related to the discernment process coming up for their new members/leadership.

**Chair's Report:** Maria updated the Council on the progress made or still needed on goals that had been set for/by the Council this year. Maria also reported that she and several other members of the parish would be attending a Synod meeting at St. Dominic's the last week of February at which time more direction and information on the results of the Synod were expected.

**Vice-Chair's Report:** Doug discussed the Parish Strategic Goals Workshop and its results. Those results were delivered to each of the Committee Liaisons for them to meet & discuss with the committee Chair and Staff member. It should be used to determine a list of goals to be incorporated into their Strategic Plans.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Ken reported on the success of the latest Parish Mission trip to Peru. The SJV Educational Center progress will be presented during Masses the first weekend of March and will again be our Lenten almsgiving effort. Father also reported on the success of the School's bi-annual fundraiser, Bids for Kids. Final financial results were not yet available. The parish mission, although not as well received as some of our previous missions, did result in a favorable collection for the deacons who presented, more than the contracted amount so parish expenses for it were minimal. Planning for the next Mission is already under way.

**Stewardship Report:** Dan Pilon reported that even though there were problems with the mailings for the Treasure portion of the Stewardship campaign, donations did go up over last year by approximately 5%, with 1,011 families responding.

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The Time & Talent video was viewed by the Committee earlier in the evening and all were happy with the result. The video will be shown the first weekend in March with Commitment Weekend to follow on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Final forms are due to the Parish Office by March 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee is looking into the possibility of switching years for commitments – possibly asking people to commit for a 2 year period and not having to do the large drive each year, or doing a simpler ask for either the treasure portion or the time and talent portion. This will be discussed and developed more.

**Finance Council Report:** It was reported that our year to date numbers are doing very well compared to the budget. The confidence level in the reports used for this review has increased greatly since Rob Mitchell has taken over the lead and re-organized the system to be more manageable and user-friendly.

The school is facing a demographic shift and resulting lower enrollment similar to what other schools in the area are seeing.

A listing of Capital Improvements needed to fix and/or update the church and school facilities has been discussed between the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Council.

After strong support was shown by the parish leadership during the Strategic Goals Workshop regarding the idea of a possible addition/renovation to the Narthex, a feasibility study was discussed and will be conducted. It is likely it will be paid for from some of the remaining Faith In Our Future funds. The rest of that money will then be spent on a few immediate needs in keeping with the designated mission of that appeal years back.

**Human Concerns Report:** Kathy Rave reported on the Feast of Kings/Epiphany that was held on January 4<sup>th</sup> at Prince of Peace. After 11:30 Mass, a Christmas pageant followed by traditional Mexican food was served in the church hall. There were about 60 people from SJV who attended the event. Kathy also reported on the success of the mission to Peru.

Claire Hoffmeyer is working on plans for a local Summer S.W.E.A.T. program which will hopefully allow more to partake since the travel/expense for participants would be limited. Possible Summer S.W.E.A.T projects might involve making lunches for the families served by Ronald McDonald House and helping with classroom cleaning and flower garden planting at Prince of Peace Parish.

**School Committee Report:** JoAnn Cekanor reported that the projected enrollment for next year is at 435. This is down slightly as previously mentioned due to a demographic shift in the area and not as many mid-year transfers as in previous years. The committee is completing its work on the long range planning survey which they hope to release to school parents as of mid-April.

**Formation Committee Report:** Betsy Wellenstein reported that the committee discussed their strategic plan at length and will be meeting again on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss further.

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There has been difficulty in getting volunteers for the Reception Committee – a volunteer group to prepare and serve at different social events held at the parish (Mission/Special Guest Visits). If anyone is interested in this ministry, please see Martha Malloy.

**Worship Committee Report:** The Strategic Plan was discussed at length with different items being completed and others still in process. A plan is being formulated to hold a special blessing of the new organ for early this spring.

**Wrap up items:** A reminder to all committees that those who have been nominated and accepted their nomination to the standing committees should be invited to attend the next Common Leadership Night on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned with the Sign of Peace at 10:05pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Prudlow – PC Secretary