

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Minutes

August 28, 2017

Members Present: Fr. Ken Knippel – Pastor, Brian Schloemer - Trustee Treasurer, Robert Scott – Trustee Secretary, Kim Prudlow – Chair, Betsy Wellenstien – Vice Chair, Karen Coon – Secretary , Renee Larson – Stewardship Liaison, Kathy Barutha – Human Concerns Liaison and Archdiocesan Rep., Doug Wildes – Finance Council Rep.

Guests: Aaron Laskiewicz, St. Francis de Sales seminarian & Dennis Sylva, Director of Adult & Family Ministry

Excused Members: Fr. Nathaniel Miniatt – Associate Pastor, JoAnn Cekanor – School Committee Liaison, Judy Kile – Formation Liason, Duane McAllister, Worship Liaison & Finance Council Rep.

Call to Order: The St. John Vianney (SJV) Pastoral Council (PC) meeting was opened at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary Report: A reminder of the process for approval of the minutes. Once sent out to the members of the Council, members have one week to submit any corrections. After that, the corrected minutes will be submitted to Fr. Ken. Once Father approves them, they will be submitted to Paula for posting.

Staff Report: Dr. Dennis Sylva, Director of Adult and Family Ministry, reported that the Family Faith Formation program will be implemented concurrently with the current program, with a complete transition to the Family Faith Formation model for the 2018/2019 school year. This transition is the primary focus of efforts in the Formation office, but they are also overseeing a wide range of other activities and events. SJV is running two Bible Study groups which begin the week of September 11th, and continue into the spring; there are 7 RCIA candidates; Youth ministry is progressing well, and there is a move to same sex only retreats for confirmands this year, and retreats will be held at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center; the 7th and 8th grade days of reflection are set for this fall, and will be led by Joe Meyer, a teacher at Marquette University High School who will center the day on Pope Francis' encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home;" the Parish Mission is set for February 24 – 27, 2018 and will feature Christian singer, Jeanne Cotter; the Catholic Faith & Our Times series starts September 6, 2017 and will involve 6 sessions that continue through December; the Alpha Kerygma series, which focuses on a personal relationship with Christ begins January 11, 2018 and continues Thursdays into March. Dennis encourages us to spread the word about Bible Study, and to look for a listing of upcoming series to be posted on the website and made available in the church office.

Chair's Report: June's Common Leadership Night (CLN) was moved to June 4th due to a conflict in the calendar. Discernment of new committee members and Pastoral Council Leadership will occur on this evening.

The video on Parish Committee involvement will be run March 10th and 11th, and nomination weekend is March 17th and 18th.

Full set of Rosters for all committees will be sent before the CLN meeting on Sept. 11, 2017.

Pictures of Standing Committees and Pastoral Council will be taken in the Church at the September 11, 2017 meeting.

Vice Chair's Report: Judy is in process of gathering all of the final strategic plans and we will have them put together and available for everyone on 9/11/17 for CLN.

Fr. Ken is suggesting that we consider doing a new strategic plan beginning with the 2018/2019 year. Current plan will be more than 6 years old at that time, and parish would benefit from an overall update of the strategic plan.

Pastor's Report: Great day with all employees to kick off the new school year. For further detail on the many events, all with a theme centered around the 1950s (in recognition of the Parish inauguration of 1956/1957), please see Father's letter in the August 27, 2017 Bulletin.

On January 28, 2018, Archbishop ListECKI is coming to bless the new construction and school and to celebrate the Parish's 60th anniversary. A celebration gathering will be held following the blessing. Committee is in process of putting together details of that day and the celebration, and is looking for additional help.

Staffing update: For the new additions to the School staff, see the bios in the August 20, 2017 Bulletin. Nick Inkmann shadowing Bob Schultz is going very well. Robb Lied settling in well as the Director of Administrative Services.

Doors to Our Faith update: The key issue is that construction is on schedule and that the School renovations designed to insure the safety of the students have been completed. For other updates, see the weekly report in the bulletin.

Archdiocesan assessment on parishes is currently 4%, but Fr. Ken has been notified that it will be increasing over the next 5 years. Currently, the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee pay the lowest assessment in the country. We will be going from 4% to 6% over the next five years.

Fr. Joe is coming from our sister parish, Santissimo Sacramento Parish in Piura, Peru. He will bring two members of his staff and will speak at all masses the weekend of September 16 and 17. They will also be speaking at St. Anthony's on the Lake Parish at all Masses the weekend of 9/9/17 & 9/10/17, and parishioners from both parishes have many gatherings planned for them during their stay.

PC Liaison Reports:

Doug Wildes gave update from Finance Council – Construction began 5.15.17 and we're on schedule despite the rainy weather. Randy Freeman was discerned as Chair. Financial picture for parish and construction remains strong. We have taken some funds from the construction contingency fund to cover a few items not anticipated in the initial proposal.

Doug also gave the report from the Archbishop's Deanery. Focus of the Archdiocese Leadership will be on Stewardship, with speaker opportunities and other learning options for Parish Leadership, which can be found in the Parish Leadership Update emails. Archdiocese of Milwaukee celebrates its 175 year anniversary in 2018. Kicking off the year of celebration on March 17, 2018 with a special Mass. More information will be forthcoming.

Robert Scott reported on the SJV participation in the Archdiocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal – As of August 1, 2017, the contribution from SJV parishioners to this year's Appeal is at 97% of our assessed goal of \$200,000.00.

New Business: None.

Next meeting: Common Leadership Night (no PC that night) beginning in the Church at 6:30 p.m. Photos of Pastoral Council and its members, along with pictures of the Standing Committees will be taken in the Church.

Meeting ended 8:15 p.m.