

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Minutes

December 10, 2018

Members Present: Fr. Edwin Kornath – Pastor, Fr. Nathaniel Miniatt – Associate Pastor, Randy Freeman - Trustee-Treasurer, Robert Scott – Trustee-Secretary, Kim Prudlow – Chair, Betsy Wellenstein – Vice Chair, Karen Coon – Secretary & Formation Committee Liaison, Doug Wildes – Worship Committee Liaison & Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Rep., Andy Stith – Finance Council Liaison, Gregory Van Winkle – Finance Council Liaison, Duane McAllister – Stewardship Committee Liaison

Members Absent: JoAnn Cekanor – School Committee Liaison & Waukesha East Deanery Rep., Kathy Barutha – Human Concerns Liaison & Waukesha East Deanery Rep.,

Guests: Robb Lied – Director of Administrative Services

Call to Order: The St. John Vianney (SJV) Pastoral Council (PC) meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m., with faith sharing.

Secretary's Report: Recruitment of new Standing Committee members will begin after the first of the year. Nomination weekend is March 16 – 17, 2019. Karen will address the Standing Committees at the January 21, 2019 meeting regarding the procedure for nomination and the need to start talking to anyone we feel would be interested and of value to any of the Standing Committees. The key is to start personally inviting people to consider discerning, and then to revisit the invitation closer to Nomination Weekend.

We will also be replacing 3 Pastoral Council members, as both Kim Prudlow and Doug Wildes are completing a second three-year term, and Karen Coon has decided not to undertake a second term. The nomination process will begin at the end of January, and the discernment will occur at the March 4, 2019 Common Leadership Night. Karen will speak to this process as well at Common Leadership Night on January 21, 2019.

The Family Faith Formation Advisory Subcommittee is set for a discernment in mid-January. The goal is to discern 4 at large members, with at least one parent representing each of the 4 class divisions – K5 through 2nd, 3rd through 5th, 6th through 8th, and 9th & 10th. They have about 6 people who have stated an interest and are expected to discern.

Vice Chair's Report: Strategic Plan Update - The Committees should send the updates to their strategic plans to Betsy Wellenstein by January 31. The plans will then be posted to the SJV web site. There was discussion that the time was right to create a new strategic plan for the parish. The first step will be a benchmarking exercise to update the information shared when the initial strategic plan was developed. A parish-wide survey is under consideration. Committees should look forward to more information as to what their role will be in the development of a strategic plan.

In further discussions regarding an updated strategic plan for the parish, it was suggested by Randy Freeman that prior to such a venture that we consider undertaking efforts to benchmark with other parishes regarding various pastoral elements, including stewardship and finances, parish and school enrollment, Mass attendance, and other areas of comparison. That information would then be available for the PC and Standing Committees in developing updated strategic goals and initiatives. The results of the upcoming Parish Stewardship Assessment in February that will be led by the Archdiocesan Stewardship Director will also be helpful in determining goals and initiatives.

Chair's Report: The Archdiocese is undertaking a review of the Norms and Guidelines for Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Standing Committees at a Pastoral and Finance Councils Congress on February 5, 2019. Our suggestions have been duly submitted, and Kim Prudlow, PC Chair, Robert Scott, Trustee - Secretary, and Randy Freeman, Trustee - Treasurer will attend.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Kornath reported on a few of the things that we have implemented as a result of the Amazing Parishes Conference. Father created a leadership team which includes, besides Father, Robb Lied, Director of Administrative Services, Angela Bravata, Director of Stewardship and Communications, and John Thompson, Director of Human Concerns. They meet every week and discuss the suggestions made by the Amazing Parish program and how they can be applied to our parish. They have also enrolled in a 16-week webinar program with further information and suggestions. The ultimate goal is to revitalize the parish by, among other things, helping the pastor to focus on issues of faith and allow more of the administrative aspects to be assumed by others on the parish staff.

Associate Pastor's Report: Father Nathaniel has been looking into the return and replacement of the new wine cups, as the shape of those cups seems to allow for dripping and spillage during distribution. Father contacted the supplier and will continue to work with them to return or exchange the cups. In the meantime, we are using the old cups, but Father Nathaniel has observed some dripping and spilling with those cups during distribution as well. Father's suggestion is that we consider a refresher for the Eucharistic Ministers on distribution methods in order to eliminate all dripping and spilling.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Representative Report: Doug Wildes reported that Catholic Mutual made a presentation about the creation by each parish of a crisis plan. Since each parish is unique in its resources and needs, what is being created is a general guideline for each parish to begin the process to create its own crisis plan. This set of guidelines is not final. After the Archbishop reviews the proposal and makes his final comments, it will be submitted to the priest advisory board for their comments and thoughts. Each parish will then be asked to determine the need for a crisis plan in their parish.

Additionally, the Archdiocese is undertaking an effort to elevate the role of catechists in the parishes, and to catechize the catechists. Further information on this will be forthcoming.

Liaison Reports: Stewardship Committee – To date, 432 families have returned their commitment forms, which is 67% of the number returned at the same time last year. The number returned also represents only 16% of the total of parish families. The pledges received to date, however, total 83% of the amount of money pledged last year at the same time, but only total 42% of the parish budget. The total pledged to date is \$1,030,000.00. The stewardship commitment materials were well received and well done. There will be follow up at all of the masses the weekend of 12/15 and 12/16, when parishioners will be reminded to return their commitment forms. The bottom line is that the pledges may be down, but that is not necessarily indicative of the dollars received. We don't really know the impact of the increasing participation in the Faith Direct program on the return of stewardship commitment forms.

Worship Committee – The recent training of Hospitality Ministers went over well, and did generate some new members.

New Business: None.

Upcoming Dates to Note: Monday, January 21, 2019 – CLN – No PC

Monday, March 4, 2019 – CLN & PC; Discernment of PC members

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. with the Sign of Peace.