

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Perpuse at 7:16pm.

Attendance: Fr. Peter Daly, Cathy Berger, Patricia Dellar, Carolyn Smithburger, Cathy Hogenson, Chris Wallmark, Jack Yatsko, Rocky Ragano, Larry Donnelly, Mady Rivera, Lisa Zecca, Al Perpuse, Bill Prochownik, Joe Tiralla, and Maureen Cassidy.

Absent: Maricarol Cloak, Eduardo Braham, Jollene Sullens and Betsy Brooks.

- I. **OPENING PRAYER** - Father Daly welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer with special intentions for the recent Oklahoma tornado victims.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Chris Wallmark, seconded by Jack Yatsko.
- III. **PASTORAL REPORT**
 1. Fr. Daly asked for **prayers for the deceased:** Michael Funchion (father of Rick Fuchion), Alice Clark and Dorothy Ramsey. Likewise **for the sick:** Jack and Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Arthur Thompson, Frances Chaney, Debbie Kutska and April Mihalko.
 2. **Youth's Catholic Work Camp.** The upcoming Work Camp in Greensboro, NC in July has 16 youngsters and four chaperones already signed up. Plans for a local WC involving three Calvert parishes are underway. Early planning to jumpstart participation and enthusiasm is greatly encouraged. The goal is to have 100 – 125 children participating with a fee of about \$200 each. The “non-compete” clause is likely to be waived. More importantly, WC should build and promote fun and good community relationship instead of just “WORK.”
 3. **The Altar Servers' Appreciation Outing** to Gettysburg and Emmitsburg on June 18th is fully booked.
 4. The **Diaconate Ordination** of Joseph Mills and Jim Caldwell is scheduled on June 22nd. St. John Vianney is chartering a bus, with a 36-seating capacity, to take interested parishioners to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
 5. Fr. Daly and Co will be going to **Nicaragua**, from July 2-9th for a Fiesta and Dedication of the SJV-sponsored “Old Folks Home. The well-secured facility has an 8-residents capacity, with basic everyday conveniences such as electricity and water.
 6. The scheduled Overseas **Pilgrimage to Europe** still has openings. This is a trip with opportunity to visit St John Vianney's Ars, Lourdes, etc.
 7. There is a need to revisit our relationship with our **Sister Parish in Mexico**. Somehow we have slowly lost contact with key people there as we ourselves missing our local connection, who might have relocated away from SJV.
 8. There is an ongoing **construction at the Rectory** including the addition of a garage and a screened porch. We'll have an open house when renovations are completed.
 9. We have about 8-10 candidates for investiture into the **Eagle Scout** Court of Honors. One SJV Eagle Scouts commitment project is the improvement of the landscape in the cemetery.
 10. **Expansion of the Cemetery** has been okayed with a guesstimate of an additional 100 plots. The cost of which could be about \$50,000 -60,000 for construction.
 11. An ad for the **vacant cottage** has been posted during the Convocation of Priests in _____.

12. **Religious Education** students may be subjected to archdiocesan testings to ensure that the students are learning up to par.
13. A nationwide **computerized accounting system** for Catholic parishes will help organize parochial finances and help track down statistics.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Jack Yastko reported on the **PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (his written report is available).
 1. Cemetery has a total of 542 plots; 349 already sold; 136 burials. We have 36 niches with 32 burials.
 2. The cost of **sound proofing** the classrooms at the Vianney Room is about \$19,000, which sounded reasonable to Jack McFadden and Co.

Council Resolution: Resolved to accept the report with corrections and additions. Motion by Chris Wallmark, seconded by Cathy Berger.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **PASTORAL COUNCIL BYLAWS**, Revised 5/21/13. Proposed amendments to the current bylaws have been reviewed and discussed. Highlights are:

Article Three – Organization - There shall be 15 voting members

Article Four – Job Description – The President of the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be ex-officio but non-voting members of the Parish Council. The President shall be the pastor or administrator duly appointed by the Archbishop of Washington.

Article Five – Meeting’s Quorum. The presence of at least seven voting members of the PC shall constitute a quorum. A majority of those attending the meeting is required to approve a motion.

Any decision made by the Council at a regular or special meetings shall be noted in the minutes and shall be labeled “**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**” They shall become effective when ratified by the President.

These above amendments to the Parish Council bylaws shall be ratified by the majority of the Parish Council voting members present on the next scheduled meeting, June 11, 2013.

- B. **APPEAL FOR 2014 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS.** Al Perpuse will speak at all Sunday masses in June to boost interest in nominating future council candidates.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next **Food Pantry** Gift-giving is scheduled on May 25th. The major sponsor will be Jonhs Hopkins MC.
- B. John Mossel, Lutheran Church, will chair our county-wide **Safe Nights**. St John Vianney will be responsible for the initial intake interview, criminal background, etc.
- C. The next Pastoral Council meeting will coincide with the Finance Council’s on **June 11, 2013.**

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