

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2013

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Lisa Zecca, Rocky Ragano, Jack Yatsko, Betsy Brooks, John Weigel, Kayla Gross, Bobbi Woollen, Jason Williams, Linda Pixton, Joe Mills, Jim Caldwell, Carolyn Smithburger, Lynne Schulman and Mady Rivera

Missing: Al Perpuse, Eduardo Braham, Joe Tiralla, Daniel Scanlan and Michael Thomas

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Berger at 7:05.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

Fr. Daly welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were the budget and by-laws approved at the joint Financial and Pastoral Council meeting in June.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were voted in for 2013-2014 Al Perpuse as **Chair**, Cathy Berger as **Vice Chair**, and Maricarol Cloak as **Secretary**.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for the sick: Jack and Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Frances Chaney, Arthur Thompson, Mary De Right, Debra Ury, Jonathan Tucker, April Michalko, Russ Colson, Noah Victoria and those mentioned in the bulletin. Additional prayers were requested for the deceased of the Parish: Joe Daigle, husband of Ginny Daigle and Samuel Lewis, father of Missy Haskins.
2. Fr. Daly reported that we had a good summer but not as active as in past years. Catholic Heart work Camp did not come to St. John Vianney this year.
3. There is some concern about the financial situation. We should be thinking of the health of our parish. In general the parish is healthy. We have good participation in activities. We have a good Confirmation program. This year is the smallest class in years. Some students have left due to conflicts with the day (Wednesday evenings). All parishes in Calvert County will be moving to a 9th grade confirmation schedule. Bobbi Woollen suggested the CCD calendar align with that of the public schools.
4. Fr. Daly shared that he was contacted and told St. John Vianney was being considered as one of the 100 great parishes in William E. Simon, Jr.'s book *100 Great Catholic Parishes*.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Committee/Ministry Assignments:** **Family Life** – Cathy Berger, **Social Concerns** – Joe Mills, **Evangelization** – Jason Williams, **Religious Education** – Jim Caldwell, **Liturgy and Worship** Bobbi Woollen, **Hospitality** – Carolyn Smithburger, **Buildings and Grounds** – Rocky Ragano. Reports should only be about 10 to 15 minutes long.
2. **Theme for the year:** Fr. Daly asked the Council to read *REBUILT - The Story of a Catholic Parish*. The book is about the rebuilding of a parish.
3. There are about 90,000 people in the county with 5 Catholic Churches. About 3,600 of those people belong to St. John Vianney.
4. Fr. Daly would like to see us move from church membership to discipleship. The disciple then becomes an evangelist. We need to be more open about talking about the church and inviting people to attend.
5. Fr. Daly would like to have a banner made which says something like “St. John Vianney moving from Membership to Discipleship in 2014.”
6. We accomplished almost all the items we had on our list of to do last year.

7. We need to find another way to get volunteers. Possibly use electronic media. We need to refresh the website.
8. Fr. Daly would like to have a theme for 2014 by Advent this year.
9. Jim Caldwell suggested visiting the website DynamicCatholic.com. A series of books by Matthew Kelly can be found there. He suggested possibly giving the book *Rediscover Catholicism* (relates to evangelization) out at Christmas or Easter as a way to bring people back to the church and address those people who are lukewarm about their faith. He also suggested we might consider giving Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* out to new members.
10. **Distribution of Bulletin:** Fr. Handed out bulletins that had been collected over the summer from several churches. Bobbi Woollen, Betsy Brooks, Lisa Zecca, John Weigel and Linda Pixton will read the bulletins and report the great ideas they find.
11. **Homily Evaluations:** Fr. Daly visited St. Catherine of Sienna and brought back their homily evaluation form. St. Catherine's evaluates their homilies once a year. The forms were distributed to the Pastoral Council for review. We will discuss them at the next meeting.
12. **Mini Capital Campaign:** Fr. Daly passed out a letter to Bishop Knestout requesting permission for a Mini Capital Campaign. Our exemption expired in June. Exemption extensions will only be approved for one year. Fr. Daly would like to finalize this with the Archdiocese this week so he was asking for the Pastoral Council's approval. A motion for approval was made by John Weigel, seconded by Carolyn Smithburger and was unanimously approved by the Pastoral Council.
13. **Request by Susan Onofrio:** Ms. Onofrio is a counselor who is requesting that she be able to see people here at St. John Vianney. She would charge some patients and use the same office in the Family Life Center as our two Spiritual Counselors. She presently works on the 5th floor at Calvert memorial Hospital. Fr. Daly passed out copies of her resume and her license. John Weigel suggested reviewing her references. Ultimately we will need approval from the Archdiocese. This matter will be put on the agenda for next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. October 1-10 pilgrimage to France. It is fully subscribed.
2. Alex Hernandez on Morality October 2, 2014. Need at least 12 people.
3. There will be a Youth Group Mass the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:15. Begins September 20. The Youth group will do ministries i.e. Lectors, ushers, hospitality and music.
4. There will be a Middle School and High School Choir at Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

NEXT MEEETING WILL BE HELD October 15, 2013

OPEN ITEMS

Remaining from last year:

1. Relationship with sister parish in Hidalgo (Father Daly) – Discussed at September 2012, November 2012, and January 2013 meetings. A group of four people will go down to Mexico in June to discuss a way to revitalize or end the relationship.
2. Hurricane Sandy project (Father Daly) – Discussed at November 2012 and January 2013 meetings.
3. Reestablish "Go Green" committee (Father Daly) – Discussed at January 2013 and February 2013 meetings.

This Year:

4. Theme for this year.
5. Banner
6. New ideas from Bulletins gathered over the summer (Bobbi Woollen, Betsy Brooks, Lisa Zecca, John Weigel and Linda Pixton).
7. Homily Evaluation form review. (Pastoral Council)
8. Review of Susan Onofrio's references. (John Weigel)