

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2013

Cathy Berger called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Attendance: Fr. Peter Daly, Cathy Berger, Carolyn Smithburger, Rocky Ragano, Mady Rivera, Joe Tiralla, John Weigel, Kayla Gross, Lynne Schulman, Jason Williams, Linda Pixton, Jim Caldwell, Daniel Scanlan, and Michael Thomas

Guests: Flo Ford, Larry Donnelly

Absent: Al Perpuse, Maricarol Cloak, Eduardo Braham, Betsy Brooks, Lisa Zecca, Bobbi Woollen, Joe Mills, Jack Yatsko,

- I. **OPENING PRAYER** - Father Daly welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer with special intentions for the recent Super Typhoon victims in the Philippines.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were approved with correction.
- III. **PASTOR’S REPORT**
 1. Fr. Daly asked for **prayers for the deceased:** John Doran, Jessica Leatherwood, Kim Morgan Royal and Jean Kiernan. Likewise, **prayers for the sick:** Jean Doran, April Michalko, Marie LeBark, Jonathan Tucker, Walt and Ethel Sands, Arthur Thompson, Frances Chaney, Mary DeRight, and Debra Ury, and Larry Werfel.
 2. **Catholic Relief Services Relief Fund:** Approximately \$6,000 has been collected from our parishioners for Typhoon Haiyan victims in Central Philippines.
 3. **John Doran, RIP.** Jack Doran’s generosity had served as an inspiration to many Fr. Daly further emphasized the many contributions from the Doran Foundation, Inc., especially to the physical facilities and rebuilding of our parish.
 4. **The Our Lady of Mattaponi Retreat Center** is no longer available for use for the RCIA and Youth Group Retreats.
 5. **Mission to Nicaragua** is scheduled from January 29 – February 4, 2014, with Fr. Jaime, Lillian Lopez already signed up to participate.
 6. **Special Workshop on “Drug Addiction,”** with Libby Cataldi, scheduled on Sunday, January 26, 2014 Target audience is our middle and high school parishioners.
 7. **Pro Life March and Concert,** at the Verizon Center, is scheduled on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Our Youth Group will hold a **Rosary and Adoration Vigil** the day before.
 8. **Christmas Mass:** There will be three masses on Christmas Eve: 5pm, 8pm and 10pm, and only one Christmas Day mass at 10:00am.
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Review of Susan Onofrio’s Credentials** and application to set office at SJV. Realizing the benefits of having an additional counselor and a psychologist “in-house,” who could assist our parishioners, the council made a resolution to accept her application. **Council Action:** Motion made by John Weigel, seconded and **approved.**

- B. "REBUILT"** – A Committee was formed to study all recommendations presented: Jim Caldwell, Linda Pixton, Mike Thomas, Jason Williams and Daniel Scanlan. They are to focus on making the weekend experience relevant and engaging for new comers and visitors.
1. **Parking** – to extend into permitted areas outside of the church grounds
 2. **Information Center** (such as a desk at the church entrance, greeters..)
 3. **Evangelization through preaching** with priests and deacons coordinating liturgical services for continuity of themes
 4. **Choice of music** for each mass to cater to different age group and church experiences
 5. Place to safely engage younger kids, such as a **nursery**

OTHER POINTS DISCUSSED:

1. **SJV's Website** needs to be re-designed and updated with capability for links to Twitter, FB, You-tube, etc. Resource people identified were: Jack McFadden, Scott Vogen, Jeremy Woollen, Mike Brooks
 2. A **Communication Committee** was also created with Cathy Berger and Kayla Gross co-chairing. This may focus on: live streaming mass and other liturgical services and activities for shut-ins, and out-of-towners, audio-visual for outside of the church such as the Festival Room.
 3. Recreation of **"Renew"** Program – where a smaller prayer group and gathering would be more appealing to some parishioners.
- C. BULLETINS** - Betsy Brooks' report was read. Jim Caldwell will chair a committee to review bulletins collected from other parishes. The committee will be looking for new ideas, content and design presentations that would be more appealing, informative and participatory for the parishioners and readers of the bulletin.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Projects Fund – About \$56,000 has been received in pledges so far. Work on the HVAC in the classrooms and offices in the Parish Center is underway. Work on the cemetery and sidewalks will begin in the spring.

B. Site Relocation of the Food Pantry and the God's Gifts

Larry Donnelly reported that our Food Pantry Ministry has grown. There is an outpouring of donations in-kind making an immediate need for more space and a strategic location of goods to help volunteers distribute them efficiently. Flo Ford, on behalf of God's Gifts Volunteers, however, expressed their concern about the Gift Shop location being moved around many times. **Council Action:** With utmost gratitude to the Gift Shop volunteers, it was moved to relocate **The Gift Shop** to one of our cottages, letting the Food Pantry extend its location where the Shop used to be **Motion** by John Weigel, seconded by Jason Williams, **motion - approved**. It was suggested that we further explore future options for a more visible location of the Gift Shop.

C. American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT)

The Parish is considering the sale of parish property, to ACLT which will maintain access to the Chesapeake Bay from our property. This will involve 30 acres (mostly non-buildable

property) with proceeds of about \$200,000 that will go to a Patrimony Trust for the Diocese for the purchase of other property for our parish.

D. Cemetery Design

Collinson, Oliff & Associates, Inc. (COA) has submitted a rendering of our proposal to develop an expansion of the St. John Vianney Cemetery for 340 new grave sites and an expanded columbarium wall along Main Street; a brick wall 4 feet high along the street.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Pastoral Council meeting has been re-scheduled to **Tuesday, January 21, 2014.**

This meeting was subsequently cancelled on January 13, 2014 due to the March for Life Rally being held that same night at the Family Life Center

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

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