

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014**

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Al Perpuse, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Linda Pixton, Kayla Gross, Mady Rivera, Jason Williams, Bobbi Woollen, Lynne Schulman, Dave Michalko, Barbara Fallin, Steve Kupka, Joe Garcia, Joe Tiralla and John Weigel.

Missing: Eduardo Braham, Daniel Scanlon, and Michael Thomas

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Al Perpuse at 7:05.

PRAYER OPENING

Readings were offered by Kayla Gross and Steve Kupka. Prayers offered for Pat Yatsko, young people and people suffering mental illness and depression, Collin Smith (friend of Cathy Berger), Irma Howard (friend of Linda Pixton) and Jimmy Ludwig.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 10th 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by John Weigel; seconded Joe Tiralla

New members Steve Kupka, Dave Michalko, Barbara Fallin, Joe Garcia were introduced and welcomed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for the deceased: James George, Perry Burgess, Wally Landstreet and Lorraine Pineault and our Sick: Fr. Pete Alliata, Pat Yatsko, Joe Mihalcik, Joan Miller, Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Noah Victoria, Jonathan Tucker, Marie LeBark, Arthur Thompson, Frances Chaney, Mary DeRight, Ruth Davis and those mentioned in the Bulletin.
2. Women's retreat will be held in October. Fr. Daly will lead the retreat so Fr. Brady say Mass and the deacons will preach.
3. Deacon John Paul started here at the beginning of the month. He will help with the youth Group and will come Wednesday of every-other week. He will also attend some of the church meetings.
4. We will have three days of prayer for healing from addiction. Libby Cataldi and her son will speak on Wednesday, Thursday will be a penance service and Friday Fr. Daly and Fr. Swink hold a prayer service and anointing of the sick.
5. Joe Mills is interested in a support group for families of those with mental illness. "Canvas" a movie dealing with mental illness will be shown.
6. We will try to reinvigorate the "Emergency Room" group therapy for those who feel the need to talk. Will start in October.
7. 50th Anniversary – Sandy Sullivan will chair. All church groups are represented. We will have one event each month. Will focus on the 50 years of our church. Events will include a dance, car show, all night adoration on the feast of Corpus Christi out front of the church, a bike ride from Solomons to Prince Frederick, a hike from Prince Frederick to the Bay and publish a new directory.
8. Dennis Haspert has been hired as our new book keeper.
9. We have received approval from the Archdiocese for the columbarium wall. Construction will start soon. Application for permit for the Food Pantry sign was made. We were informed we needed a fire inspection which we failed. Corrections are being made.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers – Al Perpuse introduced the present officers and explained the duties of each office. Linda Pixton nominated John Weigel for president. Due to work conflicts he declined. Cathy Berger nominated Jason Williams for President and he accepted. A motion was made by Cathy Berger for Jason Williams as President. Mady Rivera Seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made by Kayla Gross to retain Cathy Berger as Vice President and Maricarol Cloak as Secretary. Steve Kupka seconded. Motion passed. It was noted that the by-laws are on the website.
2. Coordinator for Safe Nights – We are in need of a new coordinator for Safe Nights. Flo and Skip Ford are stepping down. We will have Safe Nights here at SJV Thanksgiving week. The clients will stay all day on Sunday after Thanksgiving. We will announce the need for a new coordinator and ask Flo and Skip to speak at mass. Joe Garcia suggested that perhaps each of the different church groups (Men’s Club, Ladies Club etc.) could take turns coordinating the weeks.
3. Major Topics and Committee Reports – Handout was distributed. Schedule is as follows: Oct. 21 – Hospitality, John Weigel, we will also review Mass times proposals. Nov. 18 – Family Life & Youth, Cathy Berger. Dec. 16 - Facilities and Physical Improvements, Dave Michalko. Jan. 20 – Social Concerns, Linda Pixton. Feb. 17 – Spiritual Renewal/ Choirs/ Liturgy, Joe Mills/ Jim Caldwell. Mar. 17 – Evangelization & Religious Education, Steve Kupka. Apr. 21 – Sister Parish Relationships, Don Mueller. May 19 – Open, and June 9 – Budget Meeting with Finance Council.
4. Upcoming Projects:
 - a. Suburban Propane property – At one time there was to be a three way swap which included Suburban Propane, SJV and the County. It fell through. We would like to purchase Suburban Propane property to add to our parking area and to move the Food Pantry there so it could be on one floor. This would free up space in Casa Juan Diego so the Gift store could move back and another priest could occupy the cottage. Fr. Daly, Mike Thomas and Larry Donnelly will travel to New Jersey to talk to the Suburban Propane owners.
 - b. Elderly Housing - Fr. Daly met with County, building along Main Street is not possible. We might have access to the back end of our property due to Armory Road project. There is a real need for housing for the elderly. We would have to do it through Victory Housing.
 - c. Solar Energy – We had a person do a preliminary estimate which came to \$400,000. This could generate enough electricity to have our SMECO bill go down to \$0. We need to form a committee. Panels would be installed on the roofs of the Family Life Center, Parish Center, rectory and cottages. We could possibly carport our parking lots and add charger stations for electric vehicles. The State gives grants to do such things. Steve Kupka added that a school in Charles County now runs totally on solar. This would probably be a two year process. Right now our biggest expense after salaries is electricity. John Weigel suggested we check about a Geo Thermal possibility.
5. ESL Project – Lynne Schulman reported that Nancy Smith was looking for a service to become involved with. The Archdiocese has an ESL class but none are near here. Lillian Lopez it would be a good idea to have such a class here at SJV. This would be an informal drop in class. They’d like to start with a one on one class. Catholic Charities has instructional materials. Instructors would not need to be fluent in the languages. Bobbi Woollen ask what the need number were. The Hispanic population is 3% in Calvert County but Lynn was not sure how many of that 3% would take part. John Weigel asked what resources would be need from the church. Lyn said a place to hold instruction and babysitting. This was tabled for further review until the January meeting.
6. Survey on Mass times – A sample survey was distributed. The purpose is to try to lessen the liturgies for Fr. Daly. Suggestions were made to add a name option, questions about the number in the household, if there were children attending CCD on Sunday, their ages and did children attend the nursery. The survey when completed could then be passed out as all masses and also posted online.
7. Website – Data on who uses our website was passed out.

8. Sister Parishes – There have been some changes at our sister parishes. The priest in Mexico passed away. Fr. Viarto is being moved. We need to review keeping those relationships.
9. Starting a new small group Oct. 12 –Nov. 16. Sign-up sheets will be out. “Nine Words” will be the book used.
10. We will continue the Newcomers dinners at the rectory. We need a new host couple.
11. Open Issues:
 - a. Live feed to the nursery – Scott Vogan will come up with a proposal.
 - b. Have a new sound system in Vianney Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned 9:00 PM

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD October 21, 2014

OPEN ITEMS

Remaining from last year:

1. Hurricane Sandy project (Father Daly) – Discussed at November 2012 and January 2013 meetings.
2. Reestablish “Go Green” committee (Father Daly) – Discussed at January 2013 and February 2013 meetings.
3. Homily Evaluation form review. (Pastoral Council)

This year:

Parish Picnic