

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014

Attendees: Fr. Daly, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Linda Pixton, Jason Williams, Lynne Schulman, Dave Michalko, Barbara Fallin, Steve Kupka, Joe Garcia, Joe Tiralla, John Weigel, Mady Rivera, and Deacon Jim Caldwell. **Guest:** Jan Pedone, Director of SJV Religious Education

Absent: Eduardo Braham, Daniel Scanlon, Kayla Gross, Bobbi Woolen

Call to Order: Jason Williams called the meeting to order @ 7:13 p.m.

Opening Prayers: Led by Father Daly. Special Prayers requested for our infirmed parishioners, especially for Marie Lebank and Eduardo Braham.

I. **Approval of Minutes.**

The Minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Cathy Berger/Lynne Schulman

Addendum

- Council members consecutively absent from meetings without notice need to be notified and asked if they intend to continue to serve. E-mail addresses need to be checked.
- Website needs to be updated to include new Parish Council members.
- There has been an increase in number of hits on our parish website after webmaster Jack McFadden enhanced it to be interactive. Photo-scheduling link for upcoming parish directory book might have contributed a lot.

II. **Pastor's Report**

- Our **Parish Finances** are healthy. Our needs increase, but we are blessed with contributions coming in from unexpected donors. SJV was just gifted \$10,000, \$10K earmarked for Nicaragua projects, by a retired physician parishioner from Silver Spring. There was also \$25,000 from an anonymous donor: \$10K for the Food Pantry, \$10K for the Hill Foundation, and \$5K for our Music Ministry.
- Statistics shows that 90% of young adults are not attending church anymore. Per Jan Pedone, Dr. Michael Brooks will coordinate an open forum by young adults on December 29, 2014 to answer the question, **"Where Are You Now?"**

III. **Committee Reports**

Family Life Report (Handout included in minutes on file.)

- a. Rita Leclerc stepped down from being Director of Plays for the **Drama Ministry**, but she will continue as a member.

b. Family Life Center - financial weakness as noted in our last Parish Financial Report (almost \$50K expense), but it continues SJV's legacy for the Calvert Community as we offer "no charge" for Calvert Hospice, Calvert Memorial Hospital Ministries, Women's League, to name a few.

- a. Barbara Fallin reported that the **Ladies Club** has donated \$3,591 to the SJV Building Fund so far this year.
- b. **First Sunday Breakfast** continues to be a favorable monthly event. The attendance numbers have been the same but the donations are down.
- c. **Tuesday Nights Open Gym** continues to be a successful program for the community. 90% of guests, @ \$3.00/visit, are not registered as SJV parishioners.
- d. The **Brownies** are feeling unwelcome as their meeting room amenities keep changing on them.
- e. The **Girl Scouts** are looking for Community Service opportunities.

IV. Old Business

- a. **Mass Time Schedule:** Changes are sought to address our parking problems between masses. We previously considered "No change in schedule" but suggested attention to keeping masses within the allowed time schedule by reducing verses of music to be sung, limiting announcements, eliminating meditation music. We approved distribution of surveys at all masses to poll what the parishioners prefer. Motion by: Cathy Berger/Linda Pixton.
- b. The Jenkins Home Improvement Project: footings are in for the 20X20 addition.
- c. **Columbarium:** Construction would start on November 19th. Cost is \$2,500 per unit. May offer "early purchase incentive" waiving administration fees, a possible savings of 25% of cost. **Anger Management Class:** Working on a Memorandum of Agreement Cost: \$40/Session
- d. **Live Video Feed:** To be installed in time for Christmas. Includes two cameras to feed into Nursery and Festival room.
- e. **Solar Energy Update:** Dave Michalko requested more time allotment for his presentation. A committee needs to be formed. Request for the Parish Council to meet earlier than 7:00pm in December.
- f. **Nicaragua Mission:** Scheduled from Jan 13-22, 2015.

V. New Business

- **Religious Education** (handout included in minutes on file)
Mrs. Jan Pedone presented needs to meet challenges in our Religious Education Programs as enrollment increases. She will continue to coordinate the following: Confirmation, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, and Adult Ministries. There is a need for a **Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) for grades K-8**. Council approved to advertise, in keeping with equal opportunity employment, specifying necessary skills, qualifications and requirements.

Motion by: Dave Michalko/John Weigel. (Kim Stack, one of our religious education instructors has applied and is being seriously considered for the position.

Closing Prayers led by Fr. Daly with special intentions for the repose of the soul of Ebola victim and volunteer Dr. Martin Salia from New Carrollton, MD; and for thanksgiving for the success of Ely Elter's Whipple Surgery.

Announcement: Next Meeting will be on **December 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm**. Please note time change.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

Prepared by: Mady Rivera