

## ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

### Joint Pastoral Council and Finance Council Meeting Minutes March 24, 2015

**Parish Council Attendees:** Fr. Daly, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Jason Williams, Joe Garcia, John Weigel, Lynne Schulman, Barbara Fallin, Joe Tiralla, Dave Michalko, Deacon Jim Caldwell and Michael Thomas.

**Guest(s):** Larry Donnelly

**Absent:** Mady Rivera, Eduardo Braham, Daniel Scanlon, Kayla Gross, Bobbi Woolen, Steve Kupka, Linda Pixton

**Finance Council Attendees:** Fr. Daly, Deacon Ed c, Dennis Haspert, Jason Williams, Joe Allman, Al Perpuse, Jan Messick Hobbs, Stephen Watson, Mark Nuz.

**Call to Order:** Jason Williams called the meeting to order @ 6:45 p.m.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the December 16, 2014 Pastoral Council meeting were approved on a motion by John Weigel; seconded Joe Tiralla. The minutes of the February 24, 2015 Pastoral Council meeting were approved with corrections on a motion made by Cathy Berger and seconded by John Weigel.

#### **II. Pastor's Report**

Prayers were asked for the deceased: Patricia Kelly and Russell Roberts. Also pray for our Sick: Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Jonathan Tucker, Marie LeBark, Arthur Thompson, Ruth Davis, Ellie Elter, Tina Nugent, Noah Victoria and those mentioned in the Bulletin.

##### **Easter**

- Nine adults are coming into the church.
- Nine children will be baptized at the Vigil and the 11:15 Mass on Easter.
- Masses will be on the same schedule as usual on Sunday. However the Saturday Vigil will be at 8PM not 5:30 PM.
- The porch will not be ready so the Easter fire will be lit on the driveway side.

##### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The dinner dance is nearly sold out. We set a limit of 200 people in the Vianney Room. We will have some members of our sister parish in Mississippi attending. We have invited the Cardinal to the mass and picnic.

##### **Porch**

Porch is delayed due to weather. Cost will increase by \$5,000 or so because of additional concrete. This does not include the pergola. Porch should be completed by May 1.

##### **Columbarium**

There were six internments Thursday. We received permission from Catholic Cemeteries to expand by 12 niches. This will eliminate the last row of graves near Tom Morgan tree to allow more gathering space.

**Envelope usage:**

- The average weekly is 129 (based on six weeks in December and January).
- Highest usage is at Christmas with 175.
- We will eliminate the printed envelopes and will have just three different colored envelopes, Regular (assessed), Building/Debt Reduction fund (non-assessed) and Special (passed directly through to the Archdiocese).
- We will begin the new system as soon as we can cancel the contract (probably May).

**Personnel**

One worker (Ronnie William) will move to an occasional worker. This will save us about \$30,000/yr. Two pre-school teachers (Dot Stein and Cathy Bodenhorn) are leaving us at the end of the school year. We are looking for two part-time teacher's aides. Rose Thompson will step up to be the teacher for both the 3 and 4 year old classes. There will be no afternoon sessions this coming year.

**Addictions Ministry**

Ministry is going well. Thirty people are coming together, this includes volunteers. Meetings will move to the Vianney Room in June and will stay there.

**Special Gifts**

We received an anonymous gift of \$50,000 which will cover our deficit for the year. We also received a special anonymous gift of \$10,000 for the Food Pantry to cover moving costs.

**VETS Home PTSD**

An open house will be held on April 8 from 1 to 4PM at 1359 Monroe Street, NE Washington, DC. This is the Brothers of Charity house. We need \$600,000 and have already received \$100,000.

**This and That**

- Organizing a trip to Nicaragua in July
- Putting together a History Book of the parish for the last 50 years. Hope to have it ready by the picnic.
- There are three cameras in the church. The control room is in the usher's closet. There are monitors in the nursery, and on a cart to be used in the Festival Room when necessary. We will be able to stream on line and record to provide a copy to channel six. We need to find a young person who would be interested in working in the control room. This cost around \$15,000 and should be done by Easter.
- Fr. Daly wrote to Fr. Wilson at Our Lady Star of the Sea. The archdiocese approved St. John Vianney becoming a supporting parish.

**III. Financial Council Report:**

Handouts included Cash Position for 2015, Comparison of Debt Collection/ Improvements FY 2014 vs FY 2015, Comparison of Sunday Collections for FY 2014 and FY 2015, Statement of Financial Position as of 2/28/2015, Statement of Activities for the month ending 2/28/2015. See attached.

- About \$10,000 / month goes to Archdiocese and \$70, 000 goes to the Cardinal's Appeal.

- We give about 25% of our income to charity plus the Archdiocese assessment of 21% of each Sunday collection.
- We have the highest assessment in the nation at 21%
- Three parochial schools in Southern Maryland may close in the next two years.
- There are not as many students in CCD this year. The numbers are declining.
- Pastoral Council looks at the big picture and decides where we want to focus our efforts. The Finance Council is prudent and cautious and decides how best to fund our projects.
- The State is paying \$20,000 for easements to Main Street.
- We are solvent and more or less on budget

#### **IV. Food Pantry**

Copies of the building diagram and proposed lease from Catholic Charities were distributed.

The building diagram was color coded to show our proposed use of the building.

We will need:

- A building permit to make interior changes.
- Use permit: one for the food pantry and a separate one for Catholic Charities dental clinic.
- Site plan for planning and zoning
- Inspection by the Fire Marshall. We may need to install a sprinkler system. If that is true it could be a deal breaker.
- It could take 60 days for all the permits.

The move is complicated. Hopefully it can take place by July 1. A motion to accept the lease proposal for 885 Main Street was made by John Weigel and seconded by Cathy Berger. Motion passed.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

**Fundraiser Committee:** Needs volunteers to review requests. Barbara Fallin and John Weigel volunteered.

#### **VI. Old Business**

**Mexico Sister Parish:** Relationship no longer exists. Should we establish a new one?

There is a new pastor at St. Louis parish. Fr. Daly might introduce Fr. Biarto to the North Carolina parish he visited. They are looking for a project. We should think about this and review at the next meeting.

#### **VII. New Business**

**Website advertising:** Barbara Fallin informed the Council that St. Anthony's has a place on their website for advertising parishioner businesses. We could possibly sell business size ads on the website or in the History Book. Fr. Daly said it was decided years ago not to do that kind of advertising.

**LED Lighting:** Fr. Daly would like to bring in LED lighting to present a proposal. SMECO will give \$150 to replace parking lot lights so it would cost us only \$ 40 per light. The cost to do everything is \$34,000 and would take about nine months. Fr. Daly will contact Led and invite them to make a presentation to the Pastoral Council.

**Housing for Elderly:** Fr. Daly would like to continue the discussion concerning housing for the elderly. Possibly for a committee to seriously look into it. Victory Housing asks that we give the land and they will in turn build and manage the building. We have eight acres off Armory Road however it won't be in walking distance to the church.

**Announcement:** Next Meeting will be on **April 21 at 7PM**. The following reports are scheduled: Spiritual Renewal/Choirs/Liturgy/Adoration etc. (Deacons Caldwell and Mills), Evangelization/Religious Education (Steve Kupka) and Sister Parish Relationships (Don Mueller) for the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.