

St. John Vianney Parish Council Minutes – July 14, 2020

Directors and elected members met via Zoom, due to COVID-19 concerns.

ROLL CALL: Present: Bob Baldes, Judy Benevento, Steph Bray, Marty Corrigan, Steve Cox, Daryl Fortin, Eleanor Kiel, Les Lipinski, Pat Monahan, Joe Moralez, Jeannie Moran, Deb Morse, Wayne Morse, Mitch Narvasa, Brian Nikulski, Dan Schlader, Jan Stevenson, Deb Sullivan, Tom Sunderbruch, Father Jim Vrba, Tia Watson.

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Jim led the group in an opening prayer in honor of St. John Vianney, whose feast day is August 4.

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES: A motion to approve the May 12, 2020, minutes was made by Tom Sunderbruch, and seconded by Bob Baldes. Motion passed. Minutes published in parish bulletin.

COMMISSIONS/STAFF REPORTS: Members were e-mailed the June committee reports. Steve Cox noted it was good to see commission and committee activity continuing by utilizing Zoom.

UPDATE ON REOPENING CHURCHES: (Fr. Jim) SJV is currently in Stage 2, and a move to Stage 3 will require significantly lower numbers of reported COVID cases. The main difference in moving to Stage 3 is that parishioners will be separated by 2 pews rather than 3 pews, as currently required. Father said he doesn't see many more changes happening until a vaccine becomes available. He noted there are approximately 50-60 attendees at each Sunday Mass. He said he has not received any feedback on the ticketing process, which may be evaluated after First Communions are completed. There have been just a few parishioners taking part in the parking lot communion option, four or five the first weekend. Eleanor commented the ticket system will help in contact tracing if someone becomes positive for COVID-19.

Judy Benevento asked what would occur if a parishioner attending Mass would later test positive for COVID. Father said the first step would be to contact Deacon Frank Agnoli, Director of Liturgy, Diocese of Davenport, then contact the county health department.

BETTENDORF CATHOLIC PLANNING/RETREAT STATUS: (Fr. Jim) Parish leadership from SJV and Our Lady of Lourdes will meet in a Zoom meeting on July 22. The group will consider six different scenarios regarding the future of the Catholic Church in Bettendorf. Father encouraged parish council members to attend virtually if possible. Contact: bettlourdesbiz@diodav.org.

Feedback from the July 22 meeting will be used to create another parish survey.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS & COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIONS: (Deb Sullivan) Four nominations have been received so far, but more are needed. The nomination form is available online, and has been printed in the bulletins and the Vianney Vine and discussed at weekend Masses. Deadline is July 26. Steve Cox suggested nominees from last year be considered. Another option would be extending council members' terms by one year. Four positions are needed: 3 members and 1 alternate. The council's at large members will help make phone calls to nominees to assess their interest. Officers will be decided after it's known how many nominees there will be. The council will need a new vice chair and secretary.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE/PPP/CONSTITUTION UPDATES: (Steve Cox) The constitution updates are out for review with a sub-committee. If that group approves, the model will be presented to the parish council for approval by early November.

PARISH CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS: (Fr. Jim)

- Father reported the parish received \$133,000 through the federal government's Payroll Protection Plan (PPP). Father noted the PPP is helping with cash flow. Parishioners have continued to tithe weekly during the COVID crisis, yet income is still less than expected.
- The projected FY20-21 parish budget is \$1.65 million. Father mentioned that while the parish is currently "in the black", there will likely be a deficit when all June financials are in.
- Four RCIA adults were initiated this past weekend, after COVID forced a postponement from the Easter Vigil.
- Brian Nikulski reported Our Lady of Lourdes is still deciding on back-to-school plans.
- Faith Formation staff, parish directors Kathy Langley and Les Lipinski, Parish Planning Process chair Dennis Gerard and Father are meeting with Diocesan Lifelong Faith Coordinator Rosina Hendrickson to review all parish ministries of faith formation in light of the church's "General Directory of Catechesis." Faith Formation staff are meeting soon regarding Fall programming, likely to include plenty of virtual learning.

CLOSING PRAYER: A closing prayer was offered by Fr. Jim.

NEXT MEETING (TENTATIVE): Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 6 p.m., Vianney Room or Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Tia Watson