

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020 (Zoom)

PRESENT: Bob Baldes, Christy Barnum, Judy Benevento, Mark Blaser (N), Steph Bray, Joan Byrne (N), Steve Cox (O), Martin Corrigan, Dan Drescher, Ann Fisher (N), Deacon Daryl Fortin, Ron Immesoete (N), Kathy Langley, Les Lipinski, Pat Monahan, Joe Moralez, Jeannie Moran, Deb Morse, Brian Nikulski, Dan Schlader, Deb Sullivan, Tom Sunderbruch, Fr. Jim Vrba, Tia Watson (O)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS / INTRODUCTIONS / THANK RETIRING MEMBERS (FR. JIM VRBA)

Outgoing members, Steve Cox, Helen Dorr, and Tia Watson were thanked for their efforts. They will receive a gift of a St. John Vianney icon plaque from the Parish. Incoming new members, Mark Blaser, Joan Byrne, Ann Fisher, and Ron Immesoete were welcomed. They will be given a binder with the PC roster, constitution, parish priority plan, and several diocesan documents.

Deb Sullivan clarified who can vote on council issues, motions, and constitutional changes. She reminded participants that we require 2/3 majority for most motions and 3/4 majority for council constitution changes.

OPENING PRAYER (Fr. Jim Vrba) The theme of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was used to highlight the mission of the Pastoral Council.

APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2020 MINUTES Minutes reviewed; motion by Tom Sunderbruch/Dan Drescher passed unanimously.

MEETING AGENDA REVIEW (Deb Sullivan) Meeting agenda was reviewed with no questions or corrections

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Deb Sullivan) Volunteers for open positions are: Chair – Deb Sullivan, Vice-chair – Bob Baldes, Secretary – Marty Corrigan. Each is unopposed, one motion by Les Lipinski / Dan Drescher passed with unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS (Deb Sullivan) All present had read reports in advance; reports were accepted as submitted with no questions or comments.

PARISH REOPENING STATUS (Fr. Jim Vrba) The Diocese is still in Step 2. Step 3 will be determined when the trajectory remains zero for 14 days and changes for this step were reviewed. Step 4 requires herd immunity and will represent a return to normal. Attendance at daily Mass is about 50-60; weekend Masses about 60-70 inside and 4-8 outside. The past few weekends have started to see the return of families with children, which is a good sign. Online virtual Masses were perceived to have quality issues dependent upon internet connection speed. These issues will be brought to Mitch Narvasa, who oversees the broadcasts.

BETTENDORF CATHOLIC STUDY UPDATE (Fr. Jim Vrba) Refer to the mailing and the link to Vision website. It is vital that all parishioners attend one of the two Zoom meetings, either Sept. 14 or Sept. 22. The original six scenarios have been reduced to three over the past several months. The future schedule includes a survey for all households, evaluation of financial support, a special Pastoral/Finance Council meeting, and a Vision Committee review of all input and development of an action plan. The goal is to have a recommendation to pastors and Bishop Zinkula by the end of the year.

PARISH CONSTITUTION UPDATE (Steve Cox) Background: Originally placed in 2015, the Constitution needs to be updated to meet new Diocesan policies, to better empower committees/commissions, and to clarify the liaison role of council members. Outcome: Hierarchy is better defined, an overview document has been added, and committees/commissions can now adapt their mission and activities to SJV direction without requirement of a council vote. Motion to approve by Dan Drescher / Marty Corrigan passed unanimously.

PASTOR REPORT (Fr. Jim Vrba) COVID-19 has interrupted normal processes, but we are still moving forward with flexibility and resilience. Finances are a concern, with expenses down, contributions by envelope up, but offertory way down. We met our 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal amount and are over goal with payments. The Finance Council is making changes to be more effective with food donations and are assembling a “State of the Parish” video.

PARISH CONCERNS / OTHER BUSINESS (All Participants)

- Everyone should participate in the Bettendorf Vision meetings and activities to be heard. **Rumors that all is decided already are definitely untrue.**
- Vocations Committee is continuing with 31 Club and Vocations Masses for 2021. They are also continuing the prayer backpacks for the Religious Ed program.
- Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive is coming up October 3-11, with collections after weekend and daily Masses and also online. The Tootsie Roll drive, which benefits mentally handicapped in the Quad Cities, was also online. See bulletin for information.
- Host distribution to immediate family members living in the same household can be done by bringing a pyx to Mass and requesting the correct number of hosts from an Extraordinary Minister. Pyxes should be sanitized upon coming and going.

CLOSING PRAYER (Fr. Jim Vrba) The session ended in solemn, grateful prayer.

Submitted by Marty Corrigan, Secretary