

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

PARTICIPANTS:

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Fr. Rich Adam, Katie Averill, Joan Byrne, Jane Campagna, Sonia Deutmeyer, Deacon Daryl Fortin, Analicia Gomes, Ron Immesoete, Kathy Langley, Les Lipinski, Nick Palczynski, Phil Redington, Dan Schlader, Tom Touney
- **STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS/GUESTS:** Marty Corrigan, Kevin Kwak, Joe Morales
- **ABSENT:** Kyla Rasche, Tia Watson

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Rich led a prayer for wisdom, inspiration, and guidance for the ongoing activities of the parish council.

ROLL CALL: A roll call sheet was passed around the room to collect signatures of those present.

COMMENTS ON THE JULY 5 MINUTES: The minutes were sent around via email, adjusted from the feedback received, and the final version was approved and published on the St. John Vianney website. Notification of the online minutes was published in the July 25 bulletin and printed copies were made available in the gathering space.

AGENDA REVIEW: The agenda was sent in advance and no changes were requested.

PARISH COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SVJ branded merchandise update:** Kevin Kwak explained that a new St. John Vianney logo was created using the 50th anniversary logo as a template, which was passed around for review. He also proposed that an online store be created for the parish, with the net profit going to the church. Although there would be minimum order quantities for the various items, inventory will be held at the supplier partner. Suggested merchandise would include t-shirts, hoodies, hats, tumblers, and other items that are expected to sell quickly. A motion was made to proceed with the online store and the use of the new logo. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The parish council is looking forward to seeing people all around the community proudly displaying their St. John Vianney swag.
- **Updates to the parish constitution:** Since November 2020, the council has approved several changes to the constitution. Les Lipinski has been working with the parish office to create a version of the constitution that reflects these revisions. Following approval by Fr. Rich of the updated version, which will include a tab with the commissions and current liaison assignments, it will be updated on the parish website and distributed to all council members.
- **Committee assignments:** A list of current committee assignments was distributed and reviewed during the previous council meeting. No changes were requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parish picnic recap:** Joe Morales provided an excellent summary of the picnic, which was well attended and fun for everyone. He recognized the various parishioners and commission and committee members who stepped up to help make it a success. A discussion took place about the timing of the event around summer vacation, school start up, and other parish activities, with the takeaway being that the earlier the date is determined, the better. It was suggested that more committees be solicited to host additional activities during the picnic. Also, it was recommended that a parish picnic planning committee be formed from outside of Men's Fellowship to better distribute the effort leading up to the event. Lastly, the picnic raised over \$10,000, which will be used to fund parish initiatives throughout the upcoming year.

Submitted by Marty Corrigan, Secretary

- Men's Fellowship Luau: This event, which includes spouses, is scheduled for Thursday, October 6. More information will be forthcoming.

PASTOR COMMENTS:

- Council officer appointments: Fr. Rich solicited volunteers for the open officer positions. Katie Averill was selected for Vice-chair and Marty Corrigan was appointed to record meeting minutes.
- Pastor vision for parish: First, the parish goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which we always meet very quickly, is \$151,633. We will also be participating in the Diocesan Capital Campaign, which encompasses all parishes. Our portion will be \$1.8M and the campaign is for the support of priests, retirements, and vocations, plus some money will come back for parish projects. Next, regarding the Bettendorf Vision, a feasibility study will begin on Monday, September 19, led by the Steier Group. One-hour interviews will be scheduled over the next five to six weeks with people from SJV and OLOL to get as much input as possible. Lastly, our Bettendorf Vision campaign (for both parishes) will be combined with the diocesan capital campaign. From the feasibility study, they will determine the campaign goal. This represents the future of our church, and we need to be looking out many years to where we want to be. At this point, the only thing that is locked in is the purchase of the land. The subsequent steps in the project, such as the school, church, and other facilities, as well as any potential parish reorganization will be assessed and developed going forward. A major concern, which will factor into the decisions, is the diminishing number of priests, so continue to pray for more priests. Follow the weekly bulletins for ongoing information.
- Carillon bells: The church has received the electronic bells. Options are being explored and bids are being solicited for the proper mounting of the bells such that they will be safe from extreme weather and theft yet be high enough to be heard in all directions. The expectation is that they will be installed within the next few months.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Rich closed the meeting with a short blessing for all present.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

LOCATION: SJV VIANNEY ROOM