

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2022

PARTICIPANTS:

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

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Rich opened with a *Prayer before Meeting: Parish Council* from a classic prayer card preserved from Holy Family.

ROLL CALL: A roll call sheet was passed around the room to collect signatures of those present. Katie Averill introduced herself as vice-chair. Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves. And the new carillon bells were ringing as we began.

COMMENTS ON THE SEPTEMBER 13 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 document was published in the October 9 bulletin and printed copies were made available in the gathering space. Motion to approve as previously published was made, seconded, and approved.

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

PARISH COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SJV branded merchandise update:** Dan Schlader and the swag committee met with Kevin Kwak and began to put together merchandise samples, order forms, and the online store. The samples are ready and will be reviewed soon. The goal is to have a flash sale, both online and through order forms at the parish, whereby the orders can be fulfilled in time for Christmas. One constraint is to minimize physical inventory since there is no storage space in the church. Samples will be on display on select weekends in the gathering space. Orders will either be shipped directly to people's homes or to Kevin's office at Advantage Advertising for pickup.
- **Social Action Commission water bottle sale/water fountains:** In parallel to the branded merchandise activity, the Social Action Commission, led by Allison Ambrose, is investigating the sale of branded water bottles (with an additional environmental logo) as a fundraiser and to replace the current water fountains with ones that are also bottle fill stations. This would make our parish a bottle-free campus. The timing of the sales, the funding of the bottles and fountains, involvement of the Finance Committee, and the sequence of events for this initiative were discussed.
- **Constitution updates:** The revision of the constitution to contain all approved updates from the past two years is now complete. The next steps are to publish it on our website and have new printed copies distributed to the council. Since the constitution is overdue for the mandated two-year review, which should have taken place in May or June 2022, a committee appointed by Fr. Rich will be assembled to review it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Senior/elderly ministry:** Deb Sullivan (parishioner) requested council approval to launch a new initiative to help with some of the unique needs of the elderly of our parish and community. By comparison to the Stephen's Ministry, which covers a lot more and requires substantial training, this simplified effort would reach out to our elderly for company, meals, communion, and fellowship. It would address the frustration that has been expressed to the parish that we should do more for our senior parishioners. A discussion took place around how to define the new ministry, how to recruit and train people, how to manage risk and liability, and how to how to make it visible to the parishioners. The council approved moving forward with the activities to "plant the seeds and let the Holy Spirit grow" this ministry. Lastly, a sign-up sheet was passed around and the recruitment of ministry volunteers began. An update will be provided during the January council meeting.

- Men's Fellowship funding: All 12 ministry requests for funding were reviewed by the expenditure committee, whose recommendations were subsequently approved during the last monthly meeting. All 12 ministries will be either fully or partially funded, representing a total of \$3,830 of assistance. The next step will be to pass the details to the Finance Council for visibility and to distribute the approved funds to the requesting ministries.
- Parish picnic 2023: The tentative date has been set for Sunday, August 6, 2023, following our SJV feast day on August 4. This date will stand if nothing with higher priority (e.g., a wedding) comes up between now and February 2023. A draft copy of the picnic plan - layout, activities, etc. - based on this date will be drafted and presented at the next council meeting in January. A short discussion about how to get more ministries involved in the planning and execution of the picnic and the timing of the picnic with other parish events took place. Then, a motion to approve the date was presented, seconded, and approved.

PASTOR COMMENTS:

- Feasibility Study: Fr. Rich shared that, as was published recently in the bulletin, the feasibility study found sufficient evidence to justify the pursuit of both the new school and parish. The immediate need is to get the school done, which will take multiple years and then revisit the bishop's vision of one parish and one school. This campaign will be combined with the diocesan *Upon this Rock* campaign, which means we will have a very high target to meet. The current timeline has the groundwork for the campaign (assembling materials, project plan, etc.) taking place from January to March of 2023, with the formal campaign launch in August. The council then reviewed the activities executed to date to solicit and process parish input, looking for ways to improve and expand participation and alignment to the future vision and project phases. The consensus was that there is so much ahead of us, with many, many baby steps, and full faith in God we will move this forward to the benefit of all.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Rich closed with the *Prayer After Meeting: Council* from the flipside of the classic Holy Family prayer card.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

LOCATION: SJV VIANNEY ROOM