



St. John the Baptist Mary Vianney – Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2019
7:00 pm Parish Offices

Preparation for this meeting

- Please read:** Minutes from prior meeting, Agenda and handouts (if any) for current meeting.
Please update: On status of work in subcommittees.
Please do: Note when the next meeting will take place (calendar of upcoming meetings attached). Contact either Kim McCarthy or Tess Mota in-between meetings with items of interest to discuss at the next meeting.

Council Members in Attendance

✓ Jeffrey Adams	✓ Deacon Paul Lambert	✓ Tess Mota
✓ Pat Bradley/Trustee Representative	Patty Lambrou	✓ Fr. Joe Pescatello
Walter Burke	✓ Kim McCarthy	✓ Michael Woody
✓ Catherine Camden	✓ Jason Macari	
Youth Ministry Coordinator Liaison	Social Engagement Committee Liaison	Director of Religious Education Liaison
✓ Veronica Plante	Tracy Freese	✓ Pat Draper

Call to Order

Prayer
Review/Approval of minutes

Discussion/New Business

Topic/Summary of Discussion

- 1 Discuss next chapter of “Forming Intentional Disciples” (Chapter 4 – Grace and the Great Quest)

Old Business - Updates

Continuing issues brought forward and updates from committees

- 1 Committee Reports:
 - Youth/Young Adult update/debrief on youth meetings and activities – Veronica
 - Steubenville East went well. Looking at how to continue the experience in real life – they need support of their parents, families and their parish family
 - Community meal – will also be a fundraiser for next year
 - Fireside Chats – prayer, issues discussed
 - Integrating youth in what we do in all aspects of parish life
 - Liturgical ministries as part of formation (Confirmation)
 - Perpetual Adoration update – Jason
 - No updates at this time.
 - Fall Family Festival update – Patty
 - Patty will update via email.
 - Adult Faith Formation – Kim
 - Kim reached out to Tracy Freese to work together to come up with a plan regarding integrating Coffee and... a “welcoming committee” (see below-needs follow-up).



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2 Information on Greeters/Welcoming Ministry – Tess

- Greeter's Ministry booklets and examples of policies provided during the meeting
 - Greeting ministries are quite variable. Some are very formal, others are much more casual.
 - Some names to consider are: "Ministers of Hospitality," "Greeting Ministry," and "Welcome Ministry."
 - Examples provided in the handouts show diverse nature of this type of ministry. There are some churches that consider their Ushers the greeters and just give them extra tasks such as passing out documents during Mass – envelopes, candles on Holy Thursday, etc.
 - Behind the scenes some parishes have greeters come in a bit early to check the condition of the church, for example, pick up or straighten out stray bulletins, check floors for trash, place reserved signs for special occasions, lift up kneelers, assisting the disabled to a seat, etc.
 - The idea is that we are to be welcoming to whomever comes to our church – a smile and a warm hello go a long way. We can decide how far we want this role to go, and who we should consider for such a ministry.
- Discussed potential for lanyards or badges; maybe even jackets for Greeters so that they are more easily recognizable.
- Veronica and Tess will follow-up with Tracy regarding Greeter's Ministry
- Advent start-date.

3 Open discussion

- Tess will contact Ed Trendowski to see if he has spoken with Michael Lavigne, the Assistant Secretary for Evangelization and Discipleship in the Boston Archdiocese Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship regarding a series of local workshops – Disciples in Mission. During this year's Faith Convocation, Ed stated that he would be contacting Michael to set something up for the Diocese of Providence. Archdiocese of Boston Disciples in Mission Website: <https://www.disciplesinmission.com/workshops>
- Deacon Paul brought up a thought that Tess had shared with him during one of the Summer Masses. The thought was to drop to two Masses during the Summer months. This is something that Fr. Joe will discern. Fr. Joe did say that every year, parishes do take a month to count the numbers at Mass (usually in October) so it may be good to look overall and see where we are in terms of Mass attendance to see if any other changes can/should be made.
- Fr. Joe stated that the work around the windows of the church has been completed and the septic system will receive a new liner in about 2 weeks.
- Fr. Joe also asked the Perpetual Adoration Committee to notify adorers that the Chapel will be shut down from August 21st (midnight) through August 24th 4pm for work on the boiler and cleaning the carpeting in the Chapel as well as the floors in the Church proper.
- Catherine provided the write-up of the experience she shared with us during her visit to the Adoration Chapel. This will be added to the bulletin next week. It would be good to share such experiences a couple or a few times per year to encourage participation.
- Next meeting we will discuss the format of meetings going forward. We have traditionally had a few agenda items and had ministry updates, however, the ministries that are not at the table here are not heard from regularly. Kim will sent out a notice to all ministry leaders to provide the Parish Council with an update of their various ministry. These will be compiled and sent along with the minutes and agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.
- Next meeting is September 3rd. Please read Chapter 5 – Thresholds of Conversion: Can I trust you? From *Forming Intentional Disciples* to be ready to discuss at this meeting.

Adjourn



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Dates shaded in pink are holidays. Dates with a red circle around them are Parish Council Meeting dates.