



St. John the Baptist Mary Vianney – Parish Council Meeting Agenda
September 3, 2019
6:30 pm Parish Offices

Council Members in Attendance

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

Call to Order

Prayer
Review/Approval of minutes

Discussion/New Business

Topic/Summary of Discussion

Discuss Chapter 5 of “Forming Intentional Disciples” : on hold until next meeting

Old Business - Updates

Continuing issues brought forward and updates from committees

Ministry Reports – The members briefly reviewed the ministry reports; a more in-depth review will be conducted at the next meeting, including when the Boy Scouts can attend a Parish Council meeting.

Youth Ministry – Catherine discussed the formation of a core group of about 7 parishioners to serve as a liaison between the Youth Ministry and Religious Education. This allows Veronica to focus on her programming. They are assisting her currently with Glorify and an event to provide bibles to the CCD students.

Fall Family Festival – Everything is set to go for Saturday 9/21 and Sunday 9/22 (until after 11:30 AM Mass). The registration of the raffles has been approved by the State Police, and Father Joe secured a magician as additional entertainment. There is a special raffle item – a new treadmill – which will be raffled separately.

Greeter Subcommittee – Walter indicated that he would like to assist with this subcommittee. Tess and Veronica will continue to try to coordinate with Social Engagement, and Kim has reached out to Cecile Letourneau to coordinate with the Lector/Eucharistic Minister schedule. Our guest, Darlene Doherty, suggested that we not overcomplicate the new Ministry to avoid creating barriers to joining. Jason suggested that the formal ministry be supplemented with a reminder to the parish of the informal obligation all parishioners have to evangelize and welcome other parishioners, old and new.

Identify who will cycle off this year and the election for the upcoming Parish Council vacancies – The group discussed the fact that 2 of the original Parish Council members will cycle off at the end of 2019. Jason will be one; Patty will be the other. In addition, Tess wishes to resign as Secretary but remain on the Council. We will replace her at the next meeting, and discuss the process for the upcoming Parish Council elections.

Updates on the Capital Campaign, Rectory Construction and Finances –



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Father Joe and Michael updated the group about the upcoming Capital Campaign, Grateful for God's Providence, which will kick off this weekend with a video and volunteer sign ups. Michael and Joanne are the co-chairs, and noted that it is a very well run and streamlined campaign, with several receptions, mailings, and coordinated outreach. Father Joe noted that the campaign will be helpful for our Parish, since 40% of every dollar collected (up to our goal of about \$750,000) stays with SJV, and 60% of every dollar over the goal stays with SJV. In response to a question from Darlene, it was explained that this is in addition to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal, that it is the first Diocesan capital campaign in approximately 25 years, and that it goes to creating trust funds for investment projects – like seminary formation – rather than funding day-to-day operating costs of Diocesan programs.

Father Joe and Jason indicated that there was a small delay in the sale of the rectory and the lot which should be resolved in the near future. However, that the Diocese has given the green light to begin construction on the new rectory building.

The discussion of finances was put off until next time.

New Business

Darlene raised the issue that she feels that the Parish should reallocate its spending to support parishioners in need. Father Joe mentioned SJV For the Needy, Keep the Heat On, and the tuition assistance programs, but indicated that the Parish is not in a position to meet all of the material needs of parishioners because there is no significant surplus of funds. The members discussed the possibility of creating a way for parishioners to receive help from other parishioners, while respecting the privacy and confidentiality of those in need. We will revisit this issue in future meetings.

Father Joe asked about members' availability to attend the Diocesan informational training sessions for pastoral councils, and indicated that those who are able to attend sign up through the Diocese. Kim will recirculate that to those who expressed interest.

Adjourn

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 1. Please note the time is 6:30, not 7:00.



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