

Minutes of St John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting  
April 14, 2016 6:30

In Attendance:

Jan Corbett, Vice Chair  
Ed Facciani  
Mary Retzbach  
Mary Ann Paulukonis  
Lynn Volk, Secretary  
Rick Toth, Chair  
Deacon Ed Salva  
Frank Plominski  
Rev Michael Kirwin, Pastor  
Suzanne McCoy

Absent

Steve Takach  
Lisa Anzelmi

Meeting began at 6:30 and was led by Rick Toth.

We began with Lectio Divina.

Minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved.

Rick began the meeting with a follow up from the March meeting by suggesting that the volunteer recognition event be held sometime between the Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving. He felt that was a period of time when we would get the best turnout since there was not much going on in and outside the parish. Mary Ann said she would bring the suggestion to the Committee.

Mary Ann then described the concept for the Volunteer recognition event. It would be a Social Hour with wine and cheese, followed by breakout meeting for each ministry ending with a catered dinner.

The welcome committee is still looking for greeters for the 8:00 Mass. An effort will be made to see that individuals are asked to bring up the gifts, especially if the family of the memorial are in attendance.

The Ministry Coordinating Committee are awaiting direction from the Pastoral Council for initiatives for next year. Our recent focus has been a Retreat, Financial Peace, development of a Welcoming Committee and the 50/50 agreement between the Parish and Families.

Discussion of another Faith based activity was tabled until Mary Ann could get information on a program that she had discovered.

The 50/50 partnership agreement will be presented to the Parish at Pentecost and agreement will be mailed to families the next day. Families will sign the agreement but not return them to the parish. They are to be placed in the home in a place where they will see the agreement regularly. Refrigerator magnets are being ordered to go along with the agreement. Magnets are printed with name of parish and contact information. Follow up on the agreement will be inserts in the bulletin in future months giving ideas of how families can live up the agreement.

The Parent Advisor committee was discussed. Mary Ann had a handout showing areas where the committee could help with our religious education programs. There are five committee members. April 18<sup>th</sup> will be their next meeting. Mary Ann was asked to add the Summer Program to the agenda for the meeting. It was hoped that this committee could help with increasing enrollment in this program.

Mary Ann then presented a program called "Living your Strengths Retreat". In this program, individuals take a test on-line to determine their gifts. The program is recommended for Pastoral Councils and Parish Staff.

Recruitment for Pastoral Council was discussed. It was agreed that a notice be put in the bulletin calling individuals to self-nominate. Several names were put forth as potential candidate. Both Janice Bevaqua and Jerry Borasky had been approached and both agreed to attend the discernment session to determine if they are called to this mission. Jay Staub was also recommended but he has not yet been invited to discernment.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:27