

Minutes of St John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting
May 26, 2016 6:30

In Attendance:

Jan Corbett, Vice Chair
Ed Facciani
Lisa Anzelmi
Mary Retzbach
Mary Ann Paulukonis
Lynn Volk, Secretary
Rick Toth, Chair
Frank Plominski
Rev Michael Kirwin, Pastor

Absent

Steve Takach
Deacon Ed Salva
Suzanne McCoy

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

We began with Lectio Divina.

Minutes of the April 14th meeting were approved.

Ministry Coordinating Commission-Father met with five men who take up the collection at Mass and told them they are now members of the Welcome Team. Those wishing to become greeters must attend the training session to be held June 15th. Mary Retzbach will be leaving the Coordinating Commission due to scheduling problems. We will need to have a new member of Pastoral Council join that group.

Mary Ann displayed two types of plastic magnetic name badges for the Welcome Team members. The slightly more expensive, more colorful badge was chosen for the team.

Rich said we had two comments in the suggestion box. One concerned noise made by the welcome team as they greeted folks in the back of the church. Mary Ann said the greeters stand outside in nice weather and in the vestibule in colder weather. They try to keep their voices down but is it important to speak to people as they come to church. The second comment was in regard to the fans in the church and using them instead of air conditioning or heating. Keeping the church comfortable to all is a priority for the parish.

50/50 Partnership-The Council was queried about any feedback that they might have received. All said they had not gotten any negative feedback and most comments were positive. There will be monthly handouts in the bulletin with ideas on how to put our commitments into action in our lives. The information will also be available on-line at stjvp.org.

Religious Education Advisory Committee-This committee has been busy creating a chart of teachers by class for easy reference. It indicated who has committed to teach next year and who has gone through the clearance process required by the State for anyone working with children. There is still a need for two teachers at Corpus Christi Church and one teacher is needed at St Pius. They would also like to recruit one substitute for each site and one aide for each site.

The committee is also working a training session for new teachers as well as qualifications for teachers. These include the attendance at an orientation session, clearance process, formation session for teachers as well as enrollment in some ongoing faith formation. (The ongoing formation could be on-line with a program called Echoes of Faith)

Youth Teachers were discussed and will be explored by our DRE.

Father will inform all of the teacher requirements at Mass and anyone asking or invited to be a teacher will be informed of these requirements.

The parish has a subscription to an on-line education service called *Formed* and this could also be source for education. Frank mentioned that some of the videos are used by the RCIA team.

Financial Peace University-Lynn will facilitate the classes and is has now been through the DVDs and is ready to begin. We will begin this program as a test over the summer to assess interest and the results. The parish will ask attendees to pay the \$100.00 cost upfront and will refund \$50.00 to the participants that attend all of the sessions. The Chapel will be used over the summer since the rummage sale will be filling the basement until late July. Lynn will send the committee an announcement for their approval and then Father will read at Mass. Only nine couples/singles will be allowed in the program. It was also discussed about using the session on preparing for college as part of a class for students going off to college. This class can be prepared by Lynn and could include budgeting, understanding of banking, how to manage money and balance your checking account.

New Council Members. Four members of the Council will either be departing after two full terms or not renewing for a second term. Those leaving are Ed Facciani, Frank Plominski, Steve Takach and Suzanne McCoy. There are also two open positions. There was discussion about attracting and growing leaders in our community. Suggestions were made about how to educate members of the parish about what is available in our Community. Father suggested a letter to parishioners about three areas - Pastoral Council, CCD Teachers and Coordination Commission.

There are currently four individuals being informed about the discernment session being held on June 11th 9:00 to 1:00. These individuals will be contacted by phone about the meeting as well as being emailed/mailed about the session. Lynn will update letter and send out next week.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 9th, 2016

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:48