

Minutes of St John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting
September 10, 2015, 6:30

In Attendance:

Jan Corbett, Vice Chair
Ed Facciani
Mary Ann Paulukonis
Steve Takach
Mary Retzbach
Rick Toth, Chair
Lynn Volk, Secretary
Rev Michael Kirwin, Pastor
Deacon Ed Salva
Lisa Anzelmi

Absent

Frank Plominski
Suzanne McCoy

Meeting began at 6:30 with Lectio Divina.

Minutes of the August 13th meeting were reviewed and amended to include Father's request to paint the sacristy at St. Pius white. Amended minutes will be distributed via email.

Rick then spoke about the minutes from the recent Service Commission meeting. The Service Commission needs more guidance to move forward with the Hospitality Committee. Jan said she had provided them with a framework and would work with them to get them on track. Lynn mentioned that the new training materials provided by the Diocese might be helpful. The Word Commission was working on *Formed*.

Rick mentioned that teachers are still needed for CCD grades 2, 4 and 7. Letters were sent to the parents of children registered for those grades requesting that someone step up to the role of teacher. Lisa said that Joan Boyarsky taught First Communion for many years and stopped because of the timing of CCD and her commitment to the choir. Lisa will speak to her about taking on the teaching of 2nd grade again now that the timing of CCD classes has changed.

Progress on the four objectives was discussed. Good News People is on its way, with a timeline for advertising and meetings. Father will talk about it at Mass on September 20th and Carol Salva will preach about it on September 27th and October 4th. Kick off will be October 18th. There will be an Immersion Experience in January or February with a second session of classes beginning February 28. It was mentioned that the current Bible Study ends before the Good News People program starts. Rick asked about the setting up of tables and if we had a committee that would help do that. Father said that setting up tables was not difficult and could be done easily.

There was no report for Financial Peace University. Rick is still reviewing for content. Rick was concerned about conflict with Good News People if we scheduled the meetings during the same weeks. Father stated that people are free to choose the one that interests them the most and that if they were really interested in both, they would find time to attend both programs.

Mary Ann reported that they held a meeting of the committee to work on the 50/50 covenant. There were

six parents scheduled to attend but only one showed up. The person who did show up is very interested in being part of the committee. Mary Ann will reach out again to find committee members.

Hospitality committee was discussed again. It was agreed that people should feel welcome at church and this committee is important. The Service Commission has made a commitment to assist with this objective. Jan stated that she would help to get that committee on track.

The Pastoral Council then discussed the current structure of our four Commissions and possible ways to restructure. Currently we have four Commissions—Word, Service, Community and Worship (not currently active). They all meet separately on different days each month. Mary Ann passed around a diagram that showed our current structure and a proposed Integrated Coordinating Team structure. The council was very interested in the Integrated Coordinating Team structure and pros and cons were discussed. It was mentioned that we probably need to review the gifts and talent survey again and that our geographic footprint made many meetings a hardship on some. Mary Ann suggested that we take a minute to pray on the option to change to the Integrated Team structure. After pray, it was decided to move to the Team structure. The current members of the four Commissions would be invited to the first meeting and Mary Ann will be the liaison to the Pastoral Council. Mary Ann will send a link to the report that contained the graphic that she passed around so the Council could review the report and be ready for more discussion on the formation of the Team. The first meeting of the team will be in October since the September meeting for the Commissions are either scheduled or completed.

The next step of this change is to draft a letter to the current Commission members. Rick will start with a draft and share with the Council for editing.

The option to change the structure of our CCD program from weekly meeting to monthly meetings that the parents also attend was discussed. Several variations of this were discussed but Father stated that we only have staff and students to do one option. Father suggested we find other parishes that have done this so we are better informed of the success. He urges the Council to go slowly and asked that we table any decision on this issue for now.

It was agreed *The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For* would be the book we will all read for our continuing education. We will discuss the book after the Holiday Season at a potluck.

Mary Ann asked some follow up questions about some comments that were made at the July meeting and the Council gave her their feedback. The question was concerning the Parish Survey and it was agreed that the Council's actions were best practice.

Agenda Items for next meeting will be Movement of the Tabernacle. Father asked about hanging banners in Corpus Christi now that we have newly painted walls. The Council discussed this and offered Father their opinions.

Internet service was mentioned, but the Council agreed that this was a matter for the Finance Council.

Next meeting is October 8th at 6:30 in the rectory
Meeting adjourned at 8:50