

SJN Pastoral Council Minutes – May 16, 2016

In Attendance: Mike Miller, Joe Daverso, Al Van Sciver, Tony Rodrigues, Karen Tordy, Mark Hughson, Anne Fredrick, Frank Grochal, Mary Ann Cerwonka, Tess Rubino, Donna Weldon

1. Our meeting began with a prayer.
2. Minutes from the April 18th meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

3. Constitution/By-Laws – Mike would like to hold off for a few months on making any changes. Tony recommend Fr. Pflieger look at changes. Mike will address with Fr. we will revisit this in September.
4. Faith in the Future – ??
5. New youth Ministry – Per Mike, no further information at this time.
6. Handicap Seating – Father said he doesn't want to wait for plants to start moving on this. A recommendation was made that this be explained at all Masses upon implementation.
7. Building Committee – Mike recruited 3 people with experience in maintenance and construction and will schedule a meeting to discuss items currently on the work list. After a discussion of the council members, the scope of this committee was identified to be anything from day to day maintenance items to large scale building changes. A few work items identified for upgrade/change: church lighting, replacement of carpeting, new alter, the kitchen facilities, a CCD building.
8. Collection Counters – Frank reported nothing has taken off yet. Electronic medium handout was provided for review. This needs to be announced from the alter at all Masses. More involvement is needed. Karen asked if the envelopes are how Mass attendance is counted. Frank answered, no, Ushers take a head count as each Mass.
9. Ushers - Additional Ushers are needed, including a new Head Usher. This position was originally held by Tom Knowles and is now vacant. In an effort to get moving on this, we need to invite people (men, women, and youth) to Usher, and give them a reason to volunteer; such as, a scholarship program for the youth who volunteer. Ushers should have an Official Usher's Jacket so they can be immediately identified, when necessary. In addition to the current Ushering functions (Welcoming, counting, windows, overall direction of parishioners, collections), it was recommended that an Ushers Training Program be put in

place, which would include, but not be limited to, a CPR course, a course on handling disruptive people. It was suggested that our Parish should put into place a Safety program, which the Ushers would be trained in as well. Mike stated that CERT is good training to have.

10. Music Director – Tony is interviewing candidates for the position. Fr. Pflieger will interview the top 3 candidates and make a selection within the next 2 weeks, hopefully for a start date of July 1, 2016.
11. Liturgy – Tony reported meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They are currently focused on plans for Advent. The Team will reinstitute the Advent Candle Lighting by a Family, a Weekend Penitential service after Sunday Masses during Advent. They are looking into have a Missionary Retreat. The General Intercessions are currently be written by St. Isaac's and we are modifying them to fit our parish. Vidya Olivarez is the new Chair on this Committee and has already taken over the role. Tony has stepped down.
12. Hail and Farewell – 4 quotes for 300 people were presented to the Council. This number may go down. Marc will email report to Fr. Pflieger and will make his recommendation. The dates are as follows:

Fr. Gabe – Sunday, June 26th after the 11:30 Mass

Fr. Colavito – Sunday, July 17th after the 11:30 Mass

Saturday, June 4th is Fr. Colavito's Ordination Mass. It would be nice to have contingent from our parish in Trenton for him as a welcoming.

It would be good to know the scheduling of his first Mass at SNJ.

New Business:

13. Ministry Liaison – Tony handed out a list of Parish Organizations with PC Liaisons already identified. Name changes were discussed and made with a new list to be email out.
14. Ministry Fall Country Fair – Need a meeting with organizations to discuss how to expand and reach out to parishioners to join.
15. Social Activities – Basic premise: If you have an idea for an activity, Mike will back you.

Mike would like the Knights to do a car show or an art sale as fundraisers. Mary Ann will look into a bus to bring parishioners to Mass.

There was a question regarding a general budget for social activities. Another question was asked about the Flower donation envelopes regarding how much gets collected vs. what's spent.

Al and Tony said the Finance Committee should have budgets from all ministries. Each ministry that needs a budget should have a budget. Fr. Pfleger approves the ministry budgets. It was stated that all financial questions should to be directed to the Financial Committee through the PC contact.

Karen brought a question from the Divine Mercy Cenacle about Priest stipends: Can they give the priests more money than the designated stipend amount, especially if a priest is asked to hear confessions at an all day retreat?

It was stated that a stipend is for the act performed. It may be possible to reimburse for expenses, such as gas. Fr. Pfleger needs to be consulted on this topic. Al will follow up for Karen.

16. Parish Census – Mark sent out a sample census which can be used and modified for our needs. Mark will draft up a sample and present it to Fr. Pfleger for approval.

Discussion points were: mass mailing, survey monkey, needs to be enforced from Alter.

Public Comments:

17. Mike said the KoC are putting changing stations in the ladies room. A cost needs to be provided. The budget is \$1,000.

Would like to look at a Foreign Alignment with possibly Panama.

Family Film night: we need a projector and screen.

18. Donna: The Jubilee Year of Mercy, the ability to receive Jubilee Indulgences and Jubilee Holy Doors needs to be restated from the Alter and reprinted in the parish bulletin.

19. Frank: How do we deal with the lateness of people coming into Mass?

20. Mary Ann: We should utilize those who ran for the council, bring them in as projects are being developed. We should ask them first so we don't lose them.

21. Karen: RE forming PTA. Fr. Pfleger requested it and approval is there. Wasn't our issue to approve.

22. Tess: CYR at Six Flags yesterday (5/15/16) – Mass with Bishop. There were 8 who attended from our parish. Dates for upcoming events:

June 5th – Last meeting

June 12th – Annual Graduation Mass

June 18 and 30 – Trenton Thunder night

July 27 and 28 – Splash Event

23. Tony: Suggested we give Fr. Gabe a gift. Recommendations were a Challis or vestment. Tony to discuss with Fr. Pflieger.

The new Parish Council should take a look at the 5 Year Plan the last parish council put together to see where we are, what still needs to be looked at, prioritize dates, etc.

It would be nice to have a picture of Fr. Lino in the Parish Foyer. Tony is trying to locate a specific photograph of Fr. Father's 1 year anniversary date is June 23rd.

24. Meeting closed with a prayer.

25. Our next meeting is June 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM.