

SJN Pastoral Council Minutes – June 20, 2016

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

Guest Parishioners: Linda and John Nasuti

Our meeting began with a prayer.

Old Business:

1. Constitution/Bylaw Changes – adjourned to September.
2. Faith in Future: Preliminary recommendations will be given to Cohorts end of June. Cohorts will review recommendations with a response back to Bishop by the end of September. This is ongoing.
3. New Youth Ministry Director will be on board as of 7/1/16.
4. New Music Director is Jaclyn McKeever.
5. Handicap Seating: It's now located in front of the Tabernacle. Some have said they don't prefer to sit up front. We may need to accommodate changes.
6. Building Committee: Mike has recruited five committee members. Their first meeting will be in July. They will begin by looking at maintenance and housekeeping concerns first with larger scale concerns at a later time.
7. Collection Counters: We still need members of the Parish to count. We are looking for men and woman. Counting days would be Sundays after Mass or Mondays. Al said he would check with the diocese for information on when counting needs to be completed. A discussion was had on possibly compensating people with a CCD tuition credit. We need to put an ad in the bulletin asking for Collection Counters.
8. Ushers: We still need additional Ushers, men, women and youth. Tom Knowles had procedures when he was head usher. We need to get his procedures, review and update them and hang them in the sacristy.
9. Liturgy: Fr. Awte is scheduled to do monthly talks on Year of Mercy. Fr. Pflieger needs to approve. Committee is currently working on doing a Mission during Advent.

10. Hail and Farewell: All confirmed with Abbruzzi's, flowers and cake for Fr. Gabe's Farewell. Youth group will help set-up Saturday night. Our gift to Father is a Diocesan Chasuble, cream with blue and gold trim.

Fr. Colavita will be celebrating Mass at 11:30 AM on July 17th with a Welcome Reception to follow.

First year anniversary Mass for Fr. Lino will be celebrated June 23, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Father's picture will be placed on the Altar during the Mass.

11. Social Activities: Ministry Fair to be scheduled sometime in the Fall, possibly 10/15 and 10/16. Mary Ann volunteered to head a St. Valentine's Day dance. Social Concerns Committee will still do the School Supplies Collection. Ann will submit dates to John.
12. Parish Census: It's something we should do as a Parish. Could use a list of parishioners' interests in a database. We talked about a Welcoming Package again. Joe will look into what it will take to put one together. Mark will look into Survey Monkey.
13. Ministry expense/stipend: Al provided the following rules dealing with expenses for SJN ministries:
 1. All expenses must be approved by Fr. Pflieger.
 2. Enough money must be in the account to cover the expenses.
 3. The ministry can determine the amount to be paid for expenses for activities they are hosting (see#1 above).
 4. Normal fees for celebrating a Mass are \$125.00 (FYI).
 5. Normal fees for hearing confession are \$75.00 (FYI).

New Business:

14. H/ML Road Digital Sign - discussion points for a digital sign were: we need a visible identity; approval from township for an easement will be needed; proper placement for most recognition; programming the sign.
15. Summer Meeting Schedule: A vote was taken; we will not have a meeting in July but we will meet in August.
16. Linda and John Nasuti (guest parishioners) brought information to the council on Life Teen, a program for Youth Groups. Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church which leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Donna took this information for further discussion with the new Youth Ministry Director.

17. Parent Community Association (PCA) – They have many events planned for the students and families and are looking to do a Fellowship Sunday (donuts) in August. Approval is needed to move forward on this. Committee is also very interested in assisting Ann with the Back to School supplies collection.

Round table:

CPR instruction on calendar in September.

Financial reports would be available for August meeting.

Lateness to Mass is a disruption—what can we do about it?

Marc and Tony went to ordination Mass.

Youth Group: Splash 2016 is July 27/28 at St. Catherine School in Spring Lake. It's a day of camp for underprivileged kids.

Alms, Fasting & Prayer – Attendance was low this past Lent. Mass on Friday's will be moved to after Stations of the Cross this year. Mary Ann is considering a Friday Fish Fry.

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Revised: Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.