



St. John the Baptist Mary Vianney – Parish Council Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017
7:15 – 8:15 Parish Offices

Preparation for this meeting

- Please read:** Previous meeting minutes and action items
Please update: On your action items or status of work in subcommittees
Please do: Note when the next meeting will take place (calendar of upcoming meetings attached). Contact either the Chair or Secretary in-between meetings with items of interest to discuss at the next meeting.

Council Members in Attendance

✓	Pat Bradley		Steve Lynch	✓	Tess Mota
✓	Pat Draper	✓	Kim McCarthy		Melissa Robichaud
✓	Paul Lambert	✓	Jason Macari	✓	Fr. Ray Theroux
✓	Patty Lambrou		Adam Mercier		

Call to Order

Prayer. Adam, Steve and Melissa excused. Minutes approved.

Old Business - Updates

Continuing issues brought forward and updates from committees

1 Committee Reports:

Youth/Young Adult update – Adam (excused) Update by Kim

- There will be free child care offered by our youth for the Dynamic Catholic event and look to help with future events in this way as well.
- The Youth/Young Adults group will be heading up some of the outdoor activities at the Fall Family Festival
- The group also is assembling a music group. More to come on that at a future meeting.

Perpetual Adoration update – Jason

- There are just some small things that remain to be completed such as lighting and a cover for the light bars on the ceiling and the sconces on the wall.
- We are looking at some well-designed/aesthetically pleasing signage for the chapel for safety issues such as the step down out of the chapel and for the door - AAThrifty sign.
- Also looking to add a window in the chapel door for safety purposes and potentially add a self-closing mechanism to the door.
- The outdoor walkway and parking is the next project that needs to be completed. The preliminary discussions have led to the thought that the parking should go along the exit from the parking lot proper. There has been some discussion of an 8' wide walkway and perhaps heated walkway and hand rail. All of these points need further discussion and need to be rendered and priced out.
- There have been 50 memorial bricks sold which will be made part of the design of the walkway.
- Tess said that her son Matt Palin who is the Lead Landscape Designer for Terra Verde in N. Kingstown has offered to provide a preliminary rendering and estimates for the work. She will put him in will contact Jason.

Parish Engagement update – Melissa (excused) Update by Kim

Adult Faith Formation:



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- Pilot Bible Study – Walking Toward Eternity – 45 people have signed up. This will begin on September 18th and run subsequent Mondays from 7-8:30pm through October 30th. Sign-ups occurred after Mass. There is a video trailer available on YouTube, which is linked to our website under the Adult Faith Formation tab.
- Dynamic Catholic Event – 50 people have signed up. Dominick Albana from Dynamic Catholic will present “Find Your Greatness” during a half-day retreat on October 28th, 9am-1:30pm. There is a link to registration via the Dynamic Catholic website under the Adult Faith Formation tab, or people can sign up after Mass.
- Trunk or Treat will occur on Halloween weekend October 29, 4-6pm.
- Coffee Hours went well. There will be discussion at the next meeting regarding whether we will continue.
- Help for the Needy update – looking to buy presents, adopt families and have a wrapping party. More to come at a future meeting.

Fall Family Festival update – Patty

- We have 5 weeks until the 2nd Annual Fall Family Festival. Flyers will be passed out this weekend, and more notices will go into the bulletin.
- Afghan raffle is new, we have swapped out pony rides for hay rides.
- We are discussing the idea of people being able to buy leftover food.
- Craig will be there to help with electrical and other needs.
- Two asks – 1) Have the Fall Family Festival video that was made after the Festival last year played at upcoming Masses to increase visibility of this upcoming event, 2) Ask if Steve can have the 2 generators and flood lights we had last year.
- Mike Arico is putting together the All Grateful band again this year. There are also some youth from the Youth/Young Adult Ministry that are interested in playing some music as well.

- 2 George Decotis was present to update on parish finances. Debt has been decreased from \$127,000 to \$61,000. We had a diocesan balance of \$85,000 and we have paid \$102,000 total. Collections are down 10% from last year due to lower attendance. However, collections are usually down approximately 20% in the summer, and expenses are lower at the end of the summer by about \$20,000.

Discussion/New Business

Summary of Discussion

- 1 Kim suggested that a letter go out to all parishoners about what the Parish Council has been doing and what is coming up. Finance Council has been created – Ed, Art Lambi, Kathy Laverdi, Joanne Woody and John O’Neill. They will be helping to craft the letter as well.

Adjourn

Next Parish Council Meeting is on October 5th



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Future Parish Council Meeting Dates, 2017

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