



**St. John the Baptist Mary Vianney – Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017**

7:00 – 8:00 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 Kim McCarthy or Tess Mota 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 and Review/Approval of minutes

Old Business - Updates

Continuing issues brought forward and updates from committees

- 1 Committee Reports:
 - Youth/Young Adult update/debrief on youth meetings and activities – Adam (submitted)
 - Youth raised \$140 at their fundraiser at the beginning of December. Half of the proceeds are being donated to the Kilby family.
 - A few youth attended the service event at the Northern Rhode Island Food Pantry. We will be partnering with them in the future for further service opportunities.
 - The Youth Apostle Ministry has been meeting regularly and discussing goals for the upcoming year. There have been considerations of possible direction and future Youth Ministry events, with more information to come.
 - Perpetual Adoration update – Jason (update given by Paul as Jason was away)
 - Opening date for adoration chapel not set yet.
 - Commissioned Mike Arico to make a pedestal for the monstrance. It is almost completed.
 - Furniture has been ordered. Some of the communion rails that were kept (the ones with the Latin inscriptions) may be used to create two kneelers that would be up close to the monstrance.
 - Today met with NE Stained Glass. Originally there was an idea to have 4 windows, now that may be down to 2 larger windows. The theme discussed related to “mercy.” The Divine Mercy image is an idea for one window and another window would be a representation of the Prodigal Son. Another idea was a Marian window maybe depicting the Visitation – “He has shown mercy from generation to generation.” – may include Joseph as well.
 - There is a fundraising meeting scheduled for January 11 at 7:30 am.
- 2 Parish Engagement update – Melissa
 - Ministry fair occurring on January 14/15th after all Masses in the Church hall. All ministry leaders will be taking part with 2 minimum per table. It will be a festive atmosphere with decorations and a children’s activity room so that parents who want to attend the Ministry fair will be able to drop them off there and take their time going through the tables.



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- There will be a Parish Council table, a Youth Ministry Table, a Parish Engagement Table and Perpetual Adoration Table all manned by committee members.
- There will be a booklet highlighting all ministries and contact information for the point of contact for each ministry.
- We will be offering a viewing of the documentary, *The Light Behind the Windows*, for those who weren't able to make it to the movie theater, on January 22nd at 2pm. DVDs are still for sale. We have sold about 50 DVDs.
- The Parish Directory pages will be done by the middle of next week. Activity pages are being completed now. There will be extra printed directories for those who did not have pictures taken. There was an idea to give a free Parish Directory with the purchase of the DVD. Fr. Ray also suggested that we could keep the extra directories and give them to new people who register in the parish.
- There are some people who did not pick up their free photos. Fr. Ray will mail or have Denise call people to see if they would like to pick them up.
- SJV Help for the Needy group gave CHS Adopt-A-Family \$300. Fr. Ray received a card from Julie Butler acknowledging the donation.

Discussion/New Business

Summary of Discussion

- 1 Parishioners invited to the Parish Council meeting in this week's bulletin. There were three parishioners who attended and provided comment: John O'Neill, Darlene Doire and Doris Arcand.
 - John asked if any by-laws were created to discuss succession of the members of the Parish Council. Kim stated that this has been discussed and that there are Parish Council By-Laws that do direct a rotating-out of members so that there is some continuity on the Council, where not everyone leaves at once.
 - John also noted that the emphasis of Adoration, Fall Committee, Youth Group and Adoration were great and wondered if there was any strategic planning that was going on for the Council. Kim stated that we had talked about strategic planning and did have that on our radar, but that the first year was really about identifying areas of focus and establishing a presence.
 - Lastly, John suggested that the Adoration Chapel might have been better served if there had been an informational session on the Adoration Chapel building process. There was also a suggestion of possibly adding a window to the wall that separates the main church from the chapel so that those in the church can see into the chapel (one-way window). Paul stated that this was a thought in the early stages of design, but thought that it might be too distracting, and the height of the chapel and where the window would need to be would not really facilitate such viewing.
 - Darlene suggested that she was thinking about and interested in starting a cancer support group (food, caregiver support). There was a suggestion that this might be a good idea to explore at the Ministry Fair.
 - Some other ideas mentioned were a non-denominational Bible Study, Adult Faith Formation and a Parish Retreat, which could come under Parish Engagement.
 - There were some parishioners who could not attend tonight by provided the following suggestions:
 - SPRED – How to get involved? Possibly doing this at St. John Vianney. Pat Draper stated that Norm Boutin is our representative to the program that is run out of St. Joan of Arc and suggested that person contact him.
 - Fall Family Festival – There was a suggestion to have a Santa Sale booth where children can buy gifts for their parents.
 - There was a suggestion to provide a small physical sign in the gathering space for upcoming events and parish goings-on. Nothing too big because we can still use the bulletin and screens to display events. There has been some discussion that people don't necessarily pay attention to the screens but as people are gathering in the gathering space, having a sign there of information would be helpful.



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- 2 Adult Faith Formation – Deacon Paul is looking to do a visual/biblical tour of the Holy Land using photos that he took when visiting the Holy Land. This would begin on the Monday after Ash Wednesday.
There was another suggestion that we look into an Emmaus retreat or separate men’s and woman’s retreats.

Adjourn

Next Parish Council Meeting is on February 2nd



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Future Parish Council Meeting Dates, 2017

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