



**St. John the Baptist Mary Vianney – Parish Council Meeting  
February 4, 2016**

**7:00 – 8:00 pm 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		

**Old Business - Updates**

*Continuing issues brought forward and any updates from subcommittees*

- 1 Kim elected Chair and Tess elected Secretary of the Parish Council.

**Discussion/New Business**

*Summary of Discussion*

- 1 Reviewed "dot" ranking on spreadsheet and chose three areas of focus for this year:

Perpetual Adoration, Youth and Young Adults Ministry and an Annual Parish event.

Melissa brought up the other overarching theme was identified as a need: To reach out to parishioners who may not know about the current ministries and events that are already occurring at SJV.

Some ideas generated were to spotlight a ministry a month on the website, have a ministry fair, invite the leads of current ministries to either speak at Masses or write a short paragraph in the bulletin about each ministry highlighting it, creating a ministry booklet, email the bulletin to parishioners, etc.

Right now much of the information is passive. Having a more active approach and having a variety of parishioners visible and speaking about in the ministries they are involved in may spark a desire for parishioners to learn more and get involved. Melissa, Pat and Tess offered to think about ways we could organize this.

- 2 Kim stated, and Council members agreed, that the Year of Mercy theme/message could run throughout whatever we do.

- 3 Each area of focus was discussed and a liaison for each committee was chosen:  
Perpetual Adoration – Jason Macari; Youth and Young Adults Ministry – Adam Mercier; Annual Parish Event – Patty Lambrou.

- 4 Perpetual Adoration – Fr. Ray discussed some things that need to be thought about in relation to expanding Adoration: Safety/security, access to the Church and restrooms, and where Adoration will be done if eventually becomes 24/7. Jason shared information on Perpetual Adoration and the graces attached to having it in the parish. Martha Anne (Jason's wife)



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has spoken with the woman who has done this at St. Philip's in Greenville to get an understanding of how they went about it. As far as scheduling goes, it seems to run itself because the parish is committed to it.

Eighty churches in RI have some form of Adoration at different times – daily, weekly, monthly, and 24/7. Jason will contact Maureen Parmenter and Rose Albert will also be contacted, as they run the current Adoration ministry.

Pat and Tess expressed a desire to be on this committee.

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- 5** Youth and Young Adult ministry - Life Teen was brought up as a possible program to consider. Fr. Ray's brother's parish (Holy Apostle's Parish) has Life Teen and the brother of Fr. Santilli (St. Philip's) runs it. It was suggested that maybe we could get information from them about Life Teen. Adam stated that he had spoken to several parishioners who stated that they would like to see something for high school and middle school age parishioners to get together at least once a month, faith related issue, an event, etc. Many kids in the parish have a lot of competing priorities, which is why, Melissa stated, that the attendance dropped in the prior youth ministry group. Life Teen might work better because Sunday is the day they meet.

St. Pius has a 26 and under program. Theology on Tap was mentioned as an event that we could get young and even older adults to go to (age range 21-40). Sean Forrest who had come to help out with our Confirmation Retreat founded the Haiti180 orphanage and organizes mission trips. Another idea was to possibly get a group to go up to Lowell for Steubenville East.

Melissa volunteered to be part of this committee with Adam.

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- 6** Annual Parish Event – Some ideas such as a Christmas bazaar, parish picnic, and ministry fair were discussed as possible events we could sponsor. We could look at the month of June for a parish picnic. The parish Bible Camp is usually well attended and it was discussed that maybe there is something that can be offered when the Bible Camp is over. We can do small events throughout the year and have a large event, maybe around the anniversary of the dedication of the church (which is October, 1953).

Kim and Tess offered to help Patty on this committee.

**Action Items**

*Items to complete prior to next meeting or agreed upon timeframe*

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- 1** Jason Macari offered to ask his wife to come in for our next meeting to discuss Perpetual Adoration.
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- 2** Kim and Terri will work with Denise Carlucci to get a statement in the bulletin that informs parishioners that we have had two meetings, what the focus areas are and a call for volunteers. There will also be an announcement at Masses.

Kim will draft an email with similar information that will be sent by Kim on behalf of the Council, to the parishioners who ran for the Council but were not elected to see if they want to join us on any of these committees' areas.



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