

St. John the Baptist Mary Vianney Parish
March 3, 2016
Minutes
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		

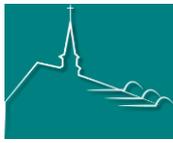
Call to Order

Prayer and Review/Approval of minutes

Old Business - Updates

Continuing issues brought forward and updates from committees

- Committee Reports:
 - Youth/Young Adult – Adam Mercier
 - Reviewed the Youth Ministry Proposal document Adam created. USCCB “Renewing the Vision” was a guiding document. Adam laid out the three challenges to youth ministry: 1) effects of consumerism, entertainment media leading to culture of isolation, 2) simultaneous nurturing of positive adolescent development (we can influence 4: families, youth organizations, religious institutions and informal settings), and 3) making the Gospel relevant to the young.
 - Goals are really challenges, “flipped.” Includes: 1) countering culture of isolation, 2) fostering relationships in areas of influence, and 3) offering a Gospel-centered vision to promote an active lived faith.
 - Best practices include being response, adaptive and person centered.
 - Key components of Youth Ministry – developmentally appropriate, family friendly, intergenerational, community-wide, leadership and flexible programming.
 - Ministries of focus for the Youth Ministry for our parish:
 - Community Life – Essentially cultivating relationships, and having meetings/events to draw the youth
 - Justice and Service – This would be a later development, but these are influential components of youth ministry. Service can be life-changing.
 - Pastoral Care – closely tied with community life but geared uniquely to youth challenges and growth
 - Action Plan – Four components: Ministry Coordinator, Coordinating Team, Program Leaders, and Support Staff. Discussions at the Council level would need to include how these positions would be filled, if we would need an outside experienced person to come in, if there would be shared responsibilities, and the what the level of Council oversight would be.
 - Adam feels that an Internet/Online presence is necessary – especially for convenience of programming and keeping youth engaged. Melissa stated that there is an inactive Youth Ministry Facebook account and an unofficial one. Paul stated that he has spoken with Denis about this unofficial page to see what can be done about finding out who “owns” it. An idea was put forth that perhaps the owner of the page can be contacted to see if he/she wanted to help maintain the page.
 - Adam suggested we reach out with a Survey Monkey survey to identify what parents and adolescents would like to see in a Youth Ministry. Questions can be vetted by the Council and when data collected, can be used to develop an action plan. Tess offered to set up a Survey Monkey survey for this purpose. We could put a link to the survey on



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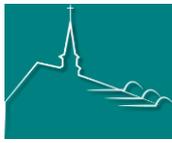
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our website and in the bulletin, emails to parents, speak at Masses regarding the survey, etc. Melissa also suggested that there may be a possibility of getting results from the Diocesan Youth Ministry office because they are doing a survey right now of youths/young adults in the diocese. Kim offered to reach out to them, as her firm represents them. Pat stated that there will be a “Post-Confirmation Summit” that will be going over the results of this survey on April 13 (6:15-8:45 in the Cathedral Hall).

- Adam will develop action plans based on the three ministry focuses, an organizational structure to the Youth Ministry and begin to establish an internet presence and open lines of communication to parents/adolescents.
- Kim offered a suggestion that Adam check with the people on his volunteer list, get buy-in from them and identify initial steps and perhaps get the survey going. Pastoral Care is one area that needs a little more work due to the sensitivity of some of the issues.
- Melissa asked about Life Teen – criticisms of Life Teen is that it separates people from the parish and is less inclusive. You can, however, choose which best practices from Life Teen that work and adapt the programming.

Perpetual Adoration – Jason Macari

- There was a committee meeting with 8 people attending. Discussion included the importance of adoration in general. Our goal is to incrementally enact steps to eventually get to perpetual adoration. We spoke about background, resources, best practices, etc. We talked about support and education, starting with Fr. Ray, but also having leaders in the parish and here at the council to talk to people about adoration – talk about it at Masses, email, website, etc., to support bringing it to the parish.
- Martha Anne spoke about the history of her family in setting up perpetual adoration. The first thing that needs to be decided is where it is going to be. Martha Anne offered her support to coordinate it. She reiterated that it is a lay ministry. Fr. Victor from Philadelphia, is a priest who speaks about and helps to set up perpetual adoration programs. He would come and speak at Masses and have cards available for people to sign up to be adorers or alternates. Hours/days are chosen by parishioners and the coordinator would review to see what is feasible based on that information. The schedule works on a tiered system of a head coordinator with 4 divisional leaders who are each responsible for 6 hours. The divisional leader has 6 hour coordinators to make sure that someone is there during each hour. If for some reason someone cannot make it, the hour coordinator would have a list of other people that he/she can contact to fill in, or sometimes the person prior can stay an extra half-hour and the next person coming in might be able to come in a half-hour early.
- Spoke to Christine Chabot at St. Philips Church in Greenville. They have an area set aside, people take it seriously. In 21 years they have not had a problem even with their church being open 24/7; however, you can certainly choose to have a security type system set up to gain access to the area.
- Current adoration is First Friday 7-8 pm.
- There are multiple options for location: the basement, the church, the office to the right of the altar and of course, an add-on to the church. Our ultimate goal is 24/7/365 and a separate space. Short-term we need to talk about what we can and can't do.
- Paul spoke about his parish in Miami. He wrote a program that may be helpful. There is no question about the value of adoration, personal spirituality and the parish is enriched. The logistics is going to be the big thing. What if we did a trial run, for example three solid days where people could experience it. Maybe we have it connected with the feast day of the parish.
- Perpetual adoration can draw people from other churches in Cumberland and the surrounding areas that do not have adoration or have limited adoration. This can help build the complement of people that would commit as adorers.
- Fr. Ray likes the idea of something separate and wants a dignified space, not in an office, etc. Initially something temporary would work, but if it takes off, something separate would be the ideal.
- For next meeting, request is to create short and long term plans.



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Annual Event – Patty Lambrou

- Looking to have a church event scheduled for the 15/16th of October (close to the anniversary of the parish) – tentatively scheduled. Patty will contact Denise to solidify.
- Church bazaar, family fun day similar to what we did before.
- Patty will set up a meeting soon of those who volunteered to help.

2 Discussion of ways to engage the parish – Melissa Robichaud

- Created a list of ministries what is already on the website and had assistance to update other information. Melissa will add the Parish Council to the list.
- Also looking to have people who are part of ministries to speak at Masses about the ministry they are involved in.

Discussion/New Business

Summary of Discussion

1 Committees identified goals to achieve before the next meeting.

2 Vote on first project to engage parish, and assign tasks to implement (did not get to this).

3 Discussed putting minutes of Parish Council on website in addition to contact information for Committee leads.

4 Discussed updating Parish Directory – It has been 8 years since our last parish directory. Lifetouch provides this service. It is 100% free. There are options available – online or hard copy. The Council is on board with updating the directory. It does provide us with an additional opportunity to help us meet our outreach goals and bringing parishioners who aren't active back into parish life (including getting their contact information). Kim and Melissa offered to obtain more information on next steps and report out at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Prayer/Hymn

Action Items

Items to complete prior to next meeting or agreed upon timeframe

1 Denis to come to the next meeting. Discussion points: update Parish Council page, upload minutes of our meetings, group picture of the council.