

SJN Parish Council Minutes - July 17, 2017

In Attendance: Tony Rodrigues, Joe Daverso, Robert Johnston, Anne Fredrick, Mike Miller, Maryann Cerwonka, Frank Grochal, Les Angelia, Linda Nasuti.

Guests: Fr Colavito, Fr. Dunn, John Nasuti,.

Our meeting began with prayer by Fr Colavito.

June minutes were approved by council.

Old Business:

1. **Constitution/By Laws Changes:** Tony Rodrigues went over the changes being made to the by-laws after a detailed explanation and some discussion. Everyone approved the changes as written.
2. **Panama Sister Relationship project with SJN:** Fr. Pflieger would like a spiritual proponent as part of it and Frank said he would be very happy to discuss that aspect of it, but could not be here and would like to put together a proposal. Joe suggested maybe getting youth involved and making it available to people in the parish.
3. **Updates**
 - a) **Faith in the Future:** report given by Joe Daverso as follows:
Cohort #3 is St John Neumann, St Issac Jogues, St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary of the Lakes & Holy Eucharist.
Implementation strategy of the Bishop's vision:
Strengthen and liven the parishes, explore new models of leadership, improve our stewardship, establish collaborative relationships with our cohort, provide pastoral ministries to Hispanic Catholics.
Our vision as a cohort that was submitted to the Bishop:
 - Easy-to-manuever website that give information to the parishes in the cohort,
 - Having directors of marketing from each parish to meet quarterly to ensure shared marketing strategies to promote Catholic faith in the entire region,
 - Adopt Mass times, Sacrament of Reconciliation to be complementary among various parishes,
 - Have Religious Education programs open to all parishioners across the borders
 - To promote each others' programs offered as an option to our parishioners
 - Share ministries wherever possible, if one specializes in one vs. another at least one representative from each parish work with someone in Mt. Holly or Browns Mills with Hispanic members
 - To coordinate to run the hospital ministry smoothly in this area

- To have youth ministers of each parish meet quarterly to ensure communication for young adult ministry

Also we submitted an actual implementation plan with very specific action steps to achieve those vision goals and we are going to continue to review it annually and revisit those action steps over an annual basis to make sure things get done. They will continue to meet yearly.

b) Youth Ministry: report given by Mike Miller as follows:

Sarah has officially resigned and made a recommendation Mariam Toner, Tony knows her mother and will reach out to her. Tess may also be leaving as well. Fr. Colavito is working on another person.

c) Collection Counters: report given by Mike Miller as follows:

It is going good but would like to get a couple more people to count.

d) Ushers: deferred

e) Liturgy Committee: deferred except for that Fr. Colavito mentioned about having a "Blue Mass" for the county police officers at Holy Cross Academy on September 29 at 10:30 am

f) Holy Name Society: Larry Brennan mentioned that HNS is doing a men's retreat at St. Alphonso's in September.

- 4. H/ML Road Digital Sign:** Proposal -Deferred until decision on about monastery property is decided
- 5. Movie Night:** Mike asked for our ideas for what type of movie we should show.
- 6. Use of Facilities and Establishment:** Inter-mural Athletic Activities-pending. The question was asked by Mike, What other type of activities can be done, in order, to use this space? Linda mentioned about a group called Catholic Grandparents Assn. might be a good fit.
- 7. Fellowship Sunday:** September will be handled by the Altar Rosary Society according to Annette.
- 8. Ministry Sunday:** Will take place on the same Sunday as Fellowship Sunday.
- 9. Parish Administrator:** deferred tonight Fr. Pflieger will be addressing in the future.
- 10. Building Committee:** Mark is not here but Mike mentioned that the rainspout is broken in front of the office.
- 11. Nomination of Council officers:** status quo

- 12. Farewell Gathering:** On Sunday August 6 after the 10:00 AM Mass the parish will have a gathering for everyone to say goodbye to the monks. Mark said that Abbruzzi's will be providing the food.
Tony was attempting to get engraved chalice set for each of them but did not receive an answer back from Fr. Pflieger yet.
- 13. Parish Picnic:** The picnic will be September 10 on the Church grounds, if it rains it will be inside. Anne will lead the committee to organize for the Picnic. Send an e-mail to the ministry heads asking for their participation with the picnic and we need 5 people from their group to participate. The date for picnic committee to meet is August 2 at 7:00 pm.
- 14. Parish Survey:** deferred for this meeting.

New Business

- Welcomed Linda & Les to the Board.
- Suggested Prayer for Vocation by someone was taken by Tony to be looked at by Liturgy committee.
- Diocesan NJ Catholic Charismatic Renewal Celebrating the 50th Anniversary will be 9/22-9/23 in Middletown, NJ

Meeting closed with a Prayer by Fr. Dunn at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Nasuti