

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 18, 2011

Present: Bill Menousek, Karin Martinez, Shirley Blessing, Bart Braun, Tim VanRoy, Laura Bosco, Marie Kramer, and Mary Lou Dietsch. Absent: John Johnson, Pat Mategrano, Russ Baker, Kelly Korth and Tom Block

Bill Menousek opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review of May Minutes

Marie Kramer made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Laura Bosco seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Kathy Gates has resigned her parish council position. Shirley Blessing accepted a position as parish council member.

Calendar for upcoming year:

The 2011-2012 calendar is as follows: 9-15-11, 10-20-11, 11-17-11, 12-15-11 (Christmas Party?), 1-19-12, 2-16-12, 3-15-12, 4-19-12, 5-17-12 (Year end Party?) All regular meetings begin at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference room. Party meetings will be scheduled as the date draws near.

Old Business:

Website:

Bill provided a screen shot of the newly designed website and explained there would be four rotating pictures. These pictures will correspond to the liturgical season. There were several unforeseen delays in the creation of the website.

New Business:

ACH:

The ACH is still in pilot program. A situation arose where more contributions were taken out than intended. Tim and Marcia met and discussed the situation. The parish has hosted some meetings with younger parishioners who were enthusiastic about the ACH program. It is unknown when the website would be working with ACH donations.

Parish Festival:

The Parish Festival is scheduled for October 9th. There will not be a conflict with the Life Chain. The raffle prizes will be cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200. There was the possibility of a Rummage Sale with the proceeds going to the Religious Education Department. Johnny O and Win Lander will be the entertainment, along with trivia games and a beer garden.

Spirit Wheel:

The Parish Council will again be in charge of the Spirit Wheel. Last year the tickets for the Spirit Wheel were sold to the Knights and Council members. Cornhusker Beverage will again be used for the prizes. Bill will sell tickets at the Knights meeting on October 3rd. Bill will meet and organize with Cornhusker Beverage. Parish Council members will help at the booth during the festival. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at the September meeting.

Recording Secretary:

Names of possible candidates were submitted and discussed. Bill will contact those recommended.

Capital Campaign:

Tim shared an idea for a new concept to the Capital Campaign. The "Parish Pillar Society" is a concept where all parishioners are able to contribute and offer the option to increase, renew or opt out of the donation each year. This program would give structure, sustainability, affordability and flexibility. Father Pat would be the Chairman. There would be a list of benefactors and a steering committee would be established to discuss how to sell and market the idea. A printed brochure would be mailed to all the parishioners and another committee would be established to contact those parishioners who did not respond to the mailing. The intent is to engage and energize all parishioners, especially new parishioners. Tim requested ideas on how to sell the idea. Ideas contributed by the parish council included forming small groups to discuss and gather ideas, making announcements at Mass to promote the brochure, and making contact with parents during Religious Education meetings. Bill believes the ACH option will benefit the Parish Pillar Society. There was discussion on the possibility of using perks to join the program. Some suggestions included a membership card, Rosary or shirt. Additionally, it was suggested promoting community functions such as the monthly breakfasts, fish fries, and festival. Also monthly/quarterly breakfast or dinner with Father Pat was suggested. It was also pointed out that perks might lessen the importance of the society. The next step was to form committees for ideas and program marketing.

Open Discussion:

None

Bill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Blessing moved and Mary Lou Dietsch seconded. The meeting was adjourned with all saying the Hail Mary. The next meeting will be September 15, 2011.