

Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

I. President John Wichelmann called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer led by Father Jake. Roll call was taken

Present/Absent/Excused	Name	Committee Assignment
Present	Fr. Jake Greiner	Pastor
Excused	Scott Bengfort	Ecumenical
Present	Al Boboth	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Absent	David Chanez	Knights of Columbus
Present	Karon DeCock-Husted	Christian Services
Present	Deb Friederichs	Wellness
Present	Matt Henning	Stewardship
Present	Judy Johnson	Ex-officio (Lay Director)
Present	Charlie Jones	Ex-officio (Lay Director)
Present	Chad Lochner	Buildings & Grounds
Present	David Mattke	Ex-officio (Parish Business Manager)
Present	Lucus Roth	Board of Ed
Present	Marc Mosse	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Present	Maureen Mosse	Ex-officio (Ladies Council)
Excused	Gary Neltner	Buildings & Grounds
Present	Kerri Nykoluk	Family Life
Present	Kathy Peterson	Church Life
Present	John Scordato	Vice President
Present	Chad Steimle	Ex-officio (JFK)
Present	Vern Vondera	Secretary / Buildings & Grounds
Absent	John Wagner	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Present	John Wichelmann	President
Present	Suzie Yackley	Liturgy

III. The agenda was approved as amended and the March 28, 2017 minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. John Wichelmann read the mission and vision statements.

Mission: Our Lady of Victory is a community that lives and shares the preaching, teaching and healing of Christ.

Vision: To become the most vibrant and welcoming faith community in the diocese.

V. New Business – Parish Picnic Date: Kathy Peterson proposed September 16th. A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the picnic on September 16, 2017 after 4:30 mass.

VI. Old Business –

A. Parish Council Elections – An announcement on the Parish Council elections will be put in the bulletin. Elections will be the 20-21 May. We will need people to man a table at masses on the weekend of the 6-7 May. Everyone should give Matt Henning names of people you think you might want him to talk to about running. There should be a bulletin insert on the weekend of May 14th. This means the bio's need to be in by May 10th.

VII. Ministry Reports

A. Social Action

1. Christian Services – Karon reported that the committee had just had their meeting. The Adults with Disabilities retreat had good turnout despite the weather. There will be a diaper drive May 13 through June 4. Two car loads of food were donated to Kings Harvest.

2. Ecumenical – No report. A question was asked if we are still providing haircuts through Timothy's House of Hope. We need to ask Scott Bengfort to see if this is still happening.

B. Church Life -

1. Church Life – Report submitted. College care packages were put together on Sunday night. It did not take too long. They had a good system going. Monetary donations worked much better than donations of goods. Kathy will have a final total of cost next month. The soup suppers went well. We just need to encourage more participation next year. We need to get the picnic committee started.

2. Stewardship – Report Submitted. Highlighted 482 responses and \$76,000 increase in pledges. Judy mentioned that there have been more pledges since then. A donate now button on the website was suggested to help work with people who like to pay online. We should also promote electronic giving.

The sister parish committee will get together to discuss help with the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha conference being held in our sister parish diocese (Rapid City, SD). The conference will be held 19-22 July. We are hoping some folks from our parish will also participate.

3. Ladies Council – Rummage sale planning is coming along. Set-up will be on 9-10 June. There will be a sign-up sheet in May. The Ladies Council is counting on the Knights of Columbus to help.

The parish directory is coming along well.

Maureen Mosse is on the Black and White Gala committee. Some money will come back to our parish if we have volunteers work at the gala. St. Anthony's is the lead parish this year. The date for the gala will be August 11th.

4. Wellness – Written report submitted. If you have books for the book sale you can drop them off here at Church. The book sale will be 20-21 May.

C. Faith Formation -

1. Faith Formation/RCIA – Report submitted. The report discussed First Communion, Confirmation, and Holy Week activities.

2. JFK / Board of Education – Report submitted. The board passed a 1.25% increase in base pay for teachers for next year. They also approved a new mission and vision statement. The Gala went very well and raised about \$31,000.

3. Youth Ministry – Report submitted. The report discussed youth nights, mission trip, and fundraising for NCCY.

4. Young Adults – No report.

D. Family Life – Report submitted. The Women and Men’s Christian Experience Weekends dates for next year have been set as February 2-4 and February 16- 18 respectively. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are continuing with their meetings. Emily Sigwarth is the new leader of the pro-life group.

E. Finance and Administration – Dave Mattke reported that there are a lot of projects going on right now. They will start at in May and run through the beginning of June. The chiller is working well. New LED lights are being purchased for the church. The rectory dining room will be converted to an office for Father Dan. There will be a new data entry position which will be shared between the school and church. Envelope income is a little behind, but expenses are also down. The new draft budget will include a salary for Father Dan.

We have paid for the chiller, but we may need to tap into our line of credit soon. The house on Division may be purchased soon. If the purchase goes through, there will be much work to be done.

We need to communicate to the parish all the great things that are going on in the parish.

F. Liturgy – Report Submitted. Went over plans for Easter, First Communion and Confirmation.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Odd Jobs Ministry – Report submitted. They did have a big work activity on April 1st that was well attended.

B. Vocations – There was an adopt-a-seminarian card in the bulletins on Palm Sunday. Please pray for and support them as often as you can. .

IX. Unfinished Business – None

XI. Parishioner Comments – Kathy mentioned that we still need to put some more work in on our Strategic Plan goals. Father said we will do that with the next Parish Council. Kathy specifically mentioned the need to work on better communications.

Applicants are slowly coming in for the Scholarship program. Charlie said the website looks great, but who do we let know if there are things that need to be updated? Dave said if you see things wrong, just send him an email. Judy suggested that we may want to ask if there is anyone in the parish who may want to volunteer to help keep the website up to date.

Maureen asked if we were going to have a drills dealing with various emergency situations. Father said that he thought the parish council did not want to do an Active Shooter drill in the church. Right now there is no plan for an active shooter drill. Judy mentioned that it might be a good idea to mention to parishioners where the tornado safety areas are. We could also have a tornado drill.

We need a new head of ushers starting in July. This is a big job to fill and will help with emergency issues.

There was discussion about the possible need to stand up a committee to develop an emergency action plan. Jeff Miller and Denny Hammill may be willing to do this. Father will talk to them.

Matt mentioned that at Assumption they are changing things so that sports and activities will submit a budget. This has not gone over well with all. Please ignore rumors. In general things are looking good on the number of students (111 now) in the incoming freshman class.

XII. Pastor's Comments – Father discussed the events that lead to the new parochial vicar. Father was not expecting to get a parochial vicar and found out the day after the last parish council meeting that we were going to get a priest. Part of this addition will include Father Jake doing some teaching at Assumption. This will be a great opportunity for our parish.

We will soon have a new Bishop. No assignments are changing with priests during the first year. We will react to whatever is given to us as we go forward. Speculation is not worth our time.

Father will rely on the Parish Council's input as changes occur.

The house at 4005 N. Divisions Street will need some more discussion if we purchase it.

The board of education will take a look at ways to bring new HVAC system to the school.

The OLV Foundation will be having their annual meeting tomorrow night. They will decide how much support they can give to the parish in the coming year.

It is budget time and it should all be put together in June. Father feels good about the budgets being prepared for both the Church and School.

XII – Adjournment at 8:35 pm and Closing Prayer was said.

Next meeting will be May 23, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Vern Vondera, Secretary (unapproved)