

Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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

| Present/Absent/Excused | Name | Committee Assignment |
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| Excused | Fr. Jake Greiner | Pastor |
| Present | 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 | Peter Schuster | Board of Ed |
| Present | Marc Mosse | Ex-officio (Deacon) |
| Present | Maureen Mosse | Ex-officio (Ladies Council) |
| Present | Gary Neltner | Buildings & Grounds |
| Excused | 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 |
| Present | John Wagner | Ex-officio (Deacon) |
| Present | John Wichelmann | President |
| Excused | Suzie Yackley | Liturgy |
| Present | Evan Brankin | Youth Minister |

III. The agenda was approved as amended and the April 25, 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 – John Wichelmann proposed that we add a member of the youth group to the parish council. Evan Brankin said that if Father Jake invited someone to be a member, Evan would

recommend that it be a one year appointment, probably an upperclassman. It was recommended that we check with the Diocesan guidelines. Our constitution says we can appoint non-ex-ficio members as consultants. In order to make a youth member as a voting member of the parish council we would need to amend the constitution. Judy Johnson suggested a subcommittee come together to research the issue, discuss it with Father, and propose something at the June meeting. The subcommittee will consist of John Wichelmann and Evan Brankin.

Kathy Peterson mentioned that it would also be nice to have someone from the young adult community involved as well. Deacon Wagner suggested that we may want to have a similar proposal for young adults. Evan agreed that this was a good suggestion. The subcommittee will bring this up with Father as well.

Budget – David Mattke reminded the committees that he needs new budgets in the next two weeks. By mid-July he needs the income and expense statements.

VI. Old Business –

A. Parish Council Election – John Wichelmann stated that there were 500 plus votes cast. Matt Henning, Suzie Yackley, Chuck Gerlach, and Ralph Armstrong were elected.

Judy Johnson gave kudos to the parish office staff for all their work. She recommended that next year we:

1. Start looking at elections in February.
2. Pick a chair person from the nominating committee
3. Review the guidelines for nominations each year.

John Wichelmann mentioned that we need to nominate individuals for new officers to be elected in June. John proposed that we pray on it for a month.

Judy Johnson mentioned that everyone should consider which committees they want to represent. These committee positions will also be filled in June.

B. Parish picnic committee – Kathy Peterson reported that September 16th is the date we are planning to hold the picnic. Kathy will be contacting those who were on the committee last year to see if they would like to help again. If anyone else wants to be part of the committee they should send Kathy an email. She wants to start reserving items. She also recommended that the picnic start at 5:00 pm. Kathy asked how we were going to handle welcoming the neighborhood. She asked, if neighbors attend, should we charge them \$1 per person like our parishioners? She would like to have a meeting in June. David Mattke will let the committee know how much money is budgeted for the picnic. June 7th was proposed for the picnic committee meeting. Kathy will send out a confirmation email. It will probably be held in the GSMR.

VII. Ministry Reports

A. Social Action

1. Christian Services – Report submitted. The report discussed the Fair Trade sale, diaper drive, and food fun and fellowship. Karon wanted to know if anyone is interested in walking in the

Bettendorf 4th of July parade. She asked that we think about it. If you are interested, contact Char McGovern.

2. Ecumenical – Scott Bengfort reported in response to last month’s minutes, that they are no longer doing haircuts. The garden ministry has 14 people signed up for this year.

B. Church Life -

1. Church Life – Report submitted. The report included a discussion of college care packages, and the parish picnic. Kathy mentioned that with monetary donations we did really well so we will continue doing monetary donations for the care packages. June 9th is the deadline for the next Victory Voice. Send to olvpa@diodav.org

2. Stewardship – Report Submitted. The report included a discussion of the Kateri Tekakwitha Conference in South Dakota, and ways to expand the committee. Judy highlighted the sister parish opportunity for the Tekawitha Conference. We may get some of our parishioners to go for at least one day. We cannot sell their raffle tickets because of legal issues.

3. Ladies Council – Maureen Mosse reported that they talked to Gene Donna who will be gathering support from the Knights of Columbus to help set up the rummage sale on June 8th at 5:30. The ladies have heard there will be a lot of donations. They will need manpower throughout the whole weekend.

For the parish pictorial, if you are interested in helping contact Maureen. They are meeting with the company who will be doing this tomorrow night to nail down the dates. Maureen’s goal is 750 families getting their pictures taken. It will be a more relaxed type of photography. There will be no need to dress up if you don’t want to. There will be a sign-up sheet to help next weekend.

4. Wellness – Report submitted. The report discussed the annual book sale, circle of friends activities, and wellness check statistics. Deb reported that the parish nurses work hard and put in a lot of hours. The book sale went well.

C. Faith Formation -

1. Faith Formation/RCIA – Report submitted. The report mentioned that the classes had concluded for the school year on May 3rd. They are in need of a 3rd grade catechist for next school year. Registration forms for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year are available in the kiosk at church and on the OLV/JFK website.

2. JFK / Board of Education – Report submitted. The board looked at calendar issues. Easter Monday will be paid holiday for the staff. The strategic plan was approved. They are getting ready to start the boiler and heating project. They did receive a grant to help. Take a look at the legislative recap. Legislative items do effect JFK. The education savings accounts proposal did not go anywhere this year. School tuition organizations tax credits are capped so they did not touch them at all.

Kathy Peterson suggested that the Gala money be used as seed money for the HVAC funding grant. Chad mentioned that there was also a discussion of having a Super Gala to provide seed money for grants.

3. Youth Ministry – Report submitted. Evan mentioned that in his report he included the summer plans. The calendar will help give him time to meet with small group meetings of teens. He discussed the conference that he attended. They envision the items from this workshop leading to building a community where teens feel welcomed, engaged and listened to. The program is up to 25 teens coming weekly and 50 teens that come periodically. The next step is to figure out how to offer an encounter with Christ. How do we also bring in teens that are not so strong with their faith life? However trying to form people at various places in their faith walk is difficult. He wants to establish smaller faith communities with teens who have things in common. Setting up these groups and adult mentors is his goal for this summer.

He wants to guild a culture in our parish where we all understand that we are doing youth ministry. This would be an intergenerational ministry. He wants to start with a mission. He wants to do this mission with the Catholic Worker house here in town. Their houses are in poor shape. Evan wants to go to them and help set up their house. Not just the teens, but the whole parish with the teens. The teens would then also learn useful skills from the adults. He will go before the parish the weekend of 3-4 June to discuss this more.

4. Young Adults – No report.

D. Family Life – Report submitted. The report mentioned that 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 beginning to end their regular meetings. Sign-ups for next year are happening now. Emily Sigwarth is the new leader of the pro-life group.

E. Finance and Administration – Judy Johnson reported that envelope income is down from budget but it is up \$70K since last year. Right now we do have a cash surplus. The Gala netted over \$30K. The mortgage is down to \$174,260. We will be adding to this when we purchase the house on Division. The fiscal year end budget is in process. Dave Mattke added that Charlie Jones will lead the refurbishment of the new property on Division Street. This will be a great opportunity for our parish to volunteer. We close on the house on May 31st. The cost was \$74,600. Charlie will be putting out more information on help needed.

F. Liturgy – No Report.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Odd Jobs Ministry – Report submitted. The report discussed how their meeting turned into a working session. Some of the projects are still behind due to weather.

B. Vocations – Deacon Boboth reported that there is a table in the gathering space for adopt a seminarian. You can pick up a card and pray for them.

IX. Unfinished Business – None

XI. Parishioner Comments – Matt Henning reported that Assumption freshmen class is 118 right now. This will likely be the largest class in the school. The school got several grants for new virtual reality equipment. Prom went well.

Rachel Thomas won the Monsignor Parizek scholarship.

Does the parish council still help with 8th grade graduation? The graduation will be at 6:30 on 2 June. Parish council members are welcome.

Judy discussed bulletin inserts. We should post the inserts online with the bulletins. Dave said to send the info to Lisa Willows.

There was a discussion that we should have a poster board in the gathering space with the pictures of those running for elections.

XII. Pastor's Comments – None.

XII – Adjournment at 9:00 pm and Closing Prayer was said.

Next meeting will be June 27, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Vern Vondera, Secretary (approved)