

Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016

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

<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Assignment</b>
Present	Fr. Jake Greiner	Pastor
Present	Lisa Stachula	Board of Ed
Present	Scott Bengfort	Ecumenical
Present	Al Boboth	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Present	Karon DeCock-Husted	Christian Services
Present	Deb Friederichs	Wellness
Present	Matt Henning	Stewardship
Absent	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)
Absent	Marc Mosse	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Present	Maureen Mosse	Ex-officio (Ladies Council)
Present	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 and the September 27, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. John Wichelmann read the mission statement.

V. New Business

- a. New Mission Statement - The new mission statement was read by John Wichelmann. The new mission statement is "Our Lady of Victory is a Community that lives and shares the Preaching, Teaching, and Healing of Christ."

The next step will be to develop our end state vision. Father believes that the vision statement may require a larger group input, and may take several months to develop. Father suggested that we go out to every committee and ask them what they think the long range vision of OLV should be based on our mission statement. Optionally, we could first look at our strategic plan and use it

to help us with our vision. We need to pray for understanding of God's will in the development of this vision. The Parish Council will have a special meeting to lay out the process of developing the vision on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

- b. Parish Appreciation Dinner – John Wichelmann reported that the dinner will be Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with Dinner at 6 pm. There will be one more meeting of the Parish Council before the dinner for us to discuss it further. The dinner is open to the whole parish. The 9 am Choir would like to sing. The Parish Council will set up before the dinner. Maureen Mosse suggested we set up on Thursday evening before the dinner. There will be sign-up sheets at the next meeting.
- c. Msgr. Scholarship – Suzie Yackley's daughter Jillian won the scholarship this year. There were only 5 applicants. We need to start getting the word out for next year in March.
- d. Communication Director – Will discuss next month.

## VI. Old Business

- a. Strategic Plan Update. Skipped

## VII. Ministry Reports

### A. Social Action

- 1. Christian Services – See written report.
- 2. Ecumenical- See written report

### B. Church Life -

1. Church Life – There were 43 people at the White Elephant BINGO. It was fun and something to build on.

College care packages – was for our parishioner's kids. There have been several people who have asked to send packages to non-parishioner's kids. Kathy wanted to know if we want to continue just sending the care packages to students who are parishioners? The items in the box are donated, and it costs around \$13 to mail each box. The real goal is to give the kids a tie back to their parish. If we send these packages to non-parishioners then this goal is lost on them. Father stated that evangelization is important, but the goal is to build the family connection.

Finally Kathy reported that there are some young adults who would like to advertise in the bulletin that they get together weekly after Saturday Evening Mass. Father stated that this is a good idea.

2. Stewardship – A written report was submitted. In summary it said that they coordinated a successful celebration of time and talent on October 8-9. Extra copies of the Handbook of Parish Ministries are located in the Gathering Space kiosk. The handbook is also posted to the parish web page and will be made available as needed for newcomer or welcoming activities.

3. Ladies Council – Bazaar committee have 63 consigners at this year's Bazaar. All profit from the event this year will go towards the church windows. They need men to help set up on Friday afternoon or evening, or on Sunday at 2 pm. A suggestion was made to send out a request for help on the CEW list, on Facebook and on the parish website. Maureen Mosse is the contact for Volunteers. They plan to turn over a check to the parish right before Thanksgiving.

4. Wellness – A written report was submitted. Additionally there was a reminder of managing stress for the Holidays talk on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8 pm.

### C. Faith Formation

1. Faith Formation/RCIA – See Report - K-8 living rosary was nice.

2. JFK / Board of Education – See Report – Chad highlighted – Over the last 5 years of enrollment, the waiting list has increased. Transportation – the number of students riding busses matches the percentage of families with 2 working parents. It appears our enrollment circle is pushing outward. The diversity continues to increase. State of Iowa is under scrutiny for English language learners. JFK has only 2 right now. The Hispanic student numbers are increasing. The board decided to incentivize the teachers to go back and get English as a second language endorsement. We are charging about \$2833/student which is about ¼ of what the public school gets per student. This \$2833 fee has increased faster than the rate of inflation. The median income in the US has only risen .09% over the past years. We are increasing tuition 5% per year. We need to be cautious about what we are doing to families. JFK has the lowest fundraising amount in the diocese, and we are the second largest school.

The Scott County catholic schools all set the same tuition rates. This is not something we can change independently. The challenge is that some schools have falling numbers which means they need increased tuition to stay level. We have had growing enrollment, but we are soon going to level off, and may decrease. This means that in the future our funds will not go up unless tuition rates go up.

There is a Scott County Student Tuition Organization (STO). However the state caps how much you can put in the organization. We should lobby our state legislature to raise the cap.

3. Youth Ministry – See report.

4. Young Adults – reported under Church Life

### D. Family Life – See report

E. Finance and Administration – Father reported that they gave the go ahead to get all 5 windows fixed. They also talked about the church air conditioner, and the School's HVAC system. The Church is first and will happen, we may borrow to pay for the school. We are at 50% on the ADA and the Save our Windows Campaign which is good.

We are getting ready to start our budgeting process in the next few months. Father also mentioned that the budget needs to support our vision.

F. Liturgy – See report

### VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds & Property Management – Gary reported that volunteers are not really coming in. Gary plans to fix the cracks near the west entrance. The area will be blocked off when he does this.

B. Vocations – No report.

### IX. Unfinished business – None

X. Parishioner Comments – The Knights of Columbus raised \$650 to go toward the ultrasound.

XI. Pastor's Comments - Father wants to know why there is a no food in the gathering space rule. Father proposes that we lift this ban. This will help build fellowship. There was discussions on the pro's and con's. The current youth room is not acceptable. It would be nice to allow them to meet in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. Father Jake and David Mattke will develop a written policy that can be discussed next time.

Father was wondering if there is a problem hearing the sound system in places in the church. The middle section, last few rows are sometimes hard to hear. Someone will be coming to take a look at the sound system.

Father also wanted to know if we had and feedback for him. He wants us to let him know if there are any issues brewing.

### XII – Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by Vern Vondera, Secretary (approved)