

## ST. JOHN VIANNEY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2025

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

- **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Fr. Rich Adam, Katie Averill, Deacon Steve Barton, Deacon Daryl Fortin, Jason Hawman, Tom Kellenberger, Kelsey Langenfeld, Kathy Langley, Les Lipinski, Joe Malas, Nick Palczynski, Kristen Sciarappa, Tia Watson, Janet Willett
- **STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS/GUESTS:** Marty Corrigan, Julie Walzer
- **ABSENT:** Steve Melbourne, Phil Redington, Kevin Rokusek, Dan Schlader

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Rich opened with the council praying the Angelus.

**NEW ACCOUNTANT:** Fr. Rich introduced our new accountant, Julie Walzer, to the council. Julie is from DeWitt originally, she and her husband Steve have 5 kids who all went to Lourdes, Assumption, and are now out of the house. She is the Current CFO of the YMCA but is looking to do more. She will begin her SJV activities by working with Colleen on the budget for the next year.

**ROLL CALL:** A roll call sheet was passed around the room to collect signatures of those present. There were no remote participants this evening.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2025 MINUTES:** The minutes were sent in advance and approved online. The minutes were motioned for approval, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** The agenda was included in the meeting packet email. It was not changed during the meeting.

### **PARISH COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Staff Changes** – At this time, several people will be leaving our staff. Colleen is going to her current (non-SJV) position full-time, replaced by Julie Walzer. Becky Seward would like to spend more time with her family, and so will be stepping down, replaced by Lori Faidley on June 1. And Michelle Steen is also leaving at the end of next month at which time Lori Faidley will bump up to full-time.
- **St. Joan of Arc school campaign** – Construction of the school continues to be on track. Some classrooms are finished, and tours are now being scheduled on a regular basis. Floors are being laid in sections, the cement flatwork outside is moving along, and the statues and all other Catholic Identity icons are being set in place all around the inside and outside of the school. Last week the tower cross went up and is catching the sun nicely. There will be over 600 plants outside, 90% of which are native to the area. Regarding enrollment, the overall capacity is around 450 students, and the lower grades are already full. Lastly, the school was audited for security and safety and did very well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Parish Council Nominations** – Ballots samples from last year were passed around for everyone to look at. The nomination process will be announced this weekend. People will be asked to nominate themselves or their friends by dropping a ballot in the Treasure Chest in the Gathering Space. In a couple weeks, nominated people will be called to confirm their willingness to participate, then the drawing of names will take place during the Saturday mass on Pentecost Sunday weekend.
- **Mass Attendance Numbers** – At every mass the ushers count the attendees. The attendance for the past couple months is shown back of the Agenda document. Sunday at 8:30am is the most popular, and significant events that affected the counts on certain weekends were noted. We have around 2100 families, roughly 6400 people, registered in the parish.

- Building / Grounds – In the Gathering Space there are a few damaged windowsills, which are scheduled to be repaired; This past week we have had people repairing holes and cracks in the parking lot with new asphalt.
- SJAF Phase II – There is another Tax-Advantaged Workshop scheduled for early June; postcards will be in the sanctuaries at SJV and OLOL for awareness. We are working hard to keep up fundraising momentum: letters recently went out to over 200 businesses, and we are following up the letters with phone calls. There will be a second wave of letters going out to QC Chamber of Commerce members. In parallel, we are moving forward with crafting and submitting grant requests on both the local and national levels. Locally, Brad Boeye continues to work with QC businesses and Claudia Meenan regularly converses with donors to confirm pledges and answer questions. Our campaign commitments are approaching \$19M, which includes *Upon This Rock*. We are truly grateful for what has already taken place. As we approach the 3-year mark on many of our pledges, we want to truly thank those who have given and at the same time ask if they might consider an additional, second pledge. There are many Commemoratives and Catholic Identity items available; people are encouraged to browse the lists at sjafdn.org. Lastly, if anyone is interested in helping to follow up with businesses, please talk to Kathy Langley.

#### **PASTOR’S COMMENTS:**

- Altar Mary Statue –BVM Sisters in Dubuque have not yet opened their warehouse for sales, but when they do, Fr. Rich will go and look at what they have. Replacing our statue with a more traditional one is a want and not a need.
- Fiscal Year Summary – This has been a wonderful year; as the year winds down, Fr. Rich wants to extend his personal thank you to everyone who has helped.
- Youth Ministry – Jessica Palczynski is working on new logos for the youth ministries; “6-7-8” is the new logo for the junior high, “L.Y.F.T.” is for the high school program. Jessica is trying to give each program an identity to help each grow.
- Youth Ministry Fund Raising: Through “Spirit Night” promotions, we received \$400 from Chick-Fil-A and \$1128.39 from Jersey Mike’s.
- Iron Tee – Throughout the month of May, 25% of all Golf Bay activities identified as *Special Occasion* “SJAFDN” will go to the St. Joan of Arc Foundation.
- Envelope distribution – Two parishioners reported that they did not receive envelopes this past two months. Families who have not returned any the envelopes for the past 2 years were removed from the distribution list. Questions can be directed to Julie in the parish office.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Rich gave the council a blessing to close the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 8, 2025 @ 6:00PM**

**LOCATION: SJV VIANNEY ROOM**

*Submitted by Marty Corrigan, Secretary*