

SJN Parish Council Minutes – September 19, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Pflieger, Sara Moynihan, Tony Rodrigues, Ann Fredrick, Mark Hughson, Mike Miller, Frank Grochal, Karen Tordy, Donna Weldon, Mary Ann Cerwonka, Robert Johnston, Tess Rubino

Guests: Fr. Colavito
Shari Zavodnick
Patrick Carr

Our meeting began with a prayer.

August minutes were approved by council.

Old Business:

1. Constitution/Bylaw Changes – No change.
2. Faith in Future: Cohorts response was sent to Trenton and a response was provided back on 9/23. Team will evaluate the response and provide one back.
3. Youth Ministry: Melanie Blaszcak, Youth Minister, has introduced the BOLD program to SJN and SIJ parishioners. First BOLD meeting is Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at SIJ. Fr. Colavito reported that Melanie attended the SIJ confirmation retreat and was well received.
4. Handicap Seating: Additional handicap parking is being added around the church. EEMs are still bringing the Eucharist to the back of the church for those who are not sitting up front. For those sitting up front, it was requested that we have bulletins and holy water near the side door. The Liturgy Committee will take concerns and come up with a plan. This is still an ongoing.
5. Building Committee: The team will meet next month.
6. Collection Counters: Still looking into a money counter. It was restated that we need 4 or 5 teams with a captain on each team to be responsible for the paperwork. Counting will take approximately 2 hours with 4 people if started right after Mass.
7. Ushers: We still need additional Ushers: men, women and youth are all welcome. The recruiting effort needs to begin.
8. Music Director: The Choir is thrilled with our new music director. She is very easy to work with.

9. Liturgy Committee: First meeting will be October 11th. Will look to share ideas and coordinate with SIJ, while still keeping things separate.

There is no Monastery update at this time.

10. Ministry Liaison Assignments: There are no changes.
11. Ministry Fall Country Fair: New Fair date: October 22nd and 23rd. If you haven't already done so, please start reaching out to your Ministry Liaison groups. Again, each ministry should have a representative present to discuss their roles and responsibilities of the ministry. A recommendation for face painting at the fair was given in an effort to bring families in. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Sara suggested getting parish youth to participate and help out. Sara will talk with Melanie and put together a plan.
12. Social Activities/Organization Event Request: For starters, we will schedule a Valentines Dance. The PCA is working on a Breakfast with Santa and a concert. Jack the Music Man said he would help out in any way.
13. Parish Census: Mark received some input through Survey Monkey, but hasn't updated the questions yet. He was asked by Father to ensure the security of our Parish data within Survey Monkey.
14. HAIL to Fr. Colavito: This was fantastic event. Father felt very welcomed by everyone. A big thank you to Karen, Mark, Mary Ann and the youth who worked on bringing this together.
15. H/ML Road Digital Sign: Deferred.
16. Proposed Mass schedule: The proposed mass schedule was discussed and some changes were made. We also need to take into consideration the Book of Masses when these changes are put into place. We are still keeping this proposal within the parish council only. It is not for publication at this time.

New Business:

17. Movie Night: PCA Movie Night is October 21st. The movie, *The Sandlot* was chosen. Father to approve this movie.
18. Establishing a Sister Parish Relationship in Panama: Mike spoke to Frank Falcone who does trips to Panama with Villanova. Mike will invite him to one of our upcoming meetings to discuss his procedures and how he can assist us in getting this going.

19. Purchase of Movie Night Equipment: Mark received a proposal from Profound Sound & Video for a projector, hardware, 120" screen, blu-ray player, etc. Father will review this proposal. Mark will get 2 additional estimates.
20. SJN Website: The last update to the website was with the July 31st bulletin. Father will address this concern with the office to see if we need additional help.
21. Parish Financial Statement for Ending Fiscal Year: We should get into a routine of publishing a yearly financial statement during the September/October timeframe. It should be done as a handout for everyone, not on the website.

Round Table/Public Comments:

Mary Ann: Suggested that we should look at the Bio's of those parishioners who ran for the parish council to see how they can help.

Mike said we should invite them to our next meeting (10/17). We should also invite our Ministry Liaisons and dedicate our meeting to discuss the Ministry Fair (10/22-23).

The bus trip to the PA Shrines for the Jubilee Year is growing. SIJ is also on board with the trip.

Karen: Where are the News Letters? Tony said the original purpose of the News Letter was to stop the rumors. He will consider how to maybe re-establish them.

Bob: Requested to out flyers for the K of C march at the Cherry Hill abortion clinic in the church foyer.

Tony: Confirmed he will talk to the parish from the altar regarding Online Giving.

Mike: Organizations grow because you ask someone to participate. Just invite one person to your ministry meeting or to attend Mass, etc. Let's start asking others to join.

Fr. Pflieger: Again, thank you for all you do. The Convocation we attended showed that we are not much different from other churches. Keep doing what we are doing; we are doing it for the Lord.

Patrick Carr: Is there any chance we will close SJN? Fr. Pflieger said we are not closing. There is no chance of combining and closing this parish. It will not happen.

Mark: What came of the joint meeting with SIJ parish council rep.? Mike reached out to the SIJ representative but they have not gotten together yet. Both parishes are a lot alike and we should share and bring our communities together where and when appropriate.

Meeting closed with a song.

Our next meeting: Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM.