

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2016
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Present: L. Judd, D. Mahalak, G. Krause, J. Beckman, R. DeKeyzer, V. Bullaro, Deacon Jim Berch, Fr. Darrell

Absent: Deacon Dominic Pastore, J. Hogan, L. Berlin

Meeting began at 7:00 PM with a prayer offered by Fr. Darrell. Lou Anne requested that the February meeting minutes be reviewed and approved for bulletin copy. There will be one exemption regarding the issue of the parish nurse position. Minutes were approved by council.

Pastoral Update: Father Darrell reported to the council that Fr. Bryan Shackett (currently at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth) will become an Associate Pastor at Saint Isaac Jogues beginning July 1, 2016. He will take residence with Father Darrell upon his arrival, preparations are underway. There was a staff retreat on Monday May 2nd and Tuesday May 3rd at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Father and Vince both reported that it was received well by all who attended.

Vince updated the council on plans for sale of the property at St. Angela. We received two assessments from the AOD on May 12, 2016 for the land where the church and the former rectory sit. Finance council has discussed what future steps will be taken for options on the house that was built as a home for the pastor on the St. Isaac Jogues property as well as the rectory/parish office on St. Angela property where Fr. Darrell currently resides and where the offices are housed. Once assessments have been reviewed we will proceed with plans for the future of these buildings.

The Fill The Church campaign is staying on course although it is recognized that the end of the school year typically sees a decline in attendance. When school resumes in August ideas are in place to utilize different clubs, organizations and groups to continue to foster faith and bring people to (and or back as the case may be) to church.

There has been a change at St. Isaac Jogues school that involves Melissa Eley, currently a 3 year old pre-school teacher. Melissa has made the choice to step down from actively teaching to become the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization. This is a very large undertaking and a calling she felt she was led to answer. We wish her well on this new journey. One area that is in need of attention is adult faith formation throughout our entire parish. This needs to be in place in addition to the faith formation that traditionally targets the school aged children of our parish.

Education: No report this meeting

Stewardship/Evangelization: Vince is working closely with Melissa Elsey and will also work with other committees as we move forward to develop this area. Once a plan is formulated we will begin the task of marketing it and how specifically to make this idea a reality. To make better Disciples of Christ we ourselves must become better Disciples of Christ. Committees and groups must be ready, willing and able to restructure and new focus for success in the future.

Finance: Gerri reported that the finance council met in April. Financial statements for February and March were reviewed and things look to be on track. Vince is working on the budget for next year. There was discussion about the brick paver fundraiser held a few years ago and some parishioners have called requesting their donation back as the pavers have never been put into place anywhere on the parish grounds. It will be investigated where exactly the pavers are and a location to install will be secured. Father reported to council that the Stations of the Cross currently located on the convent property are going to have to be moved in order to accommodate a privacy fence currently being erected. The current plan is to move the Stations and have them flank the walkway on Madison that leads from public sidewalk to the gym doors and have the pavers installed within that sidewalk. Father will put something in the bulletin once a timeline is created and in place. Negotiations are in place with the AOD regarding our debt reduction plan. The intention is to make one significant payment and having a new note written for the balance and to secure appropriate payments that will both pay off debt and keep the parish solvent.

Worship: No report for this meeting however there was some discussion regarding the "Sunday experience". There needs to be attention given to Eucharistic Ministers and lectors. Perhaps new training sessions along with reminders of what the duties entail and also making sure that schedules are adhered to so there are no missing people at masses. Vince indicated that perhaps this is an area that Parish Council could become involved in. There will be further discussion about this.

Vicariate: Jim was unable to attend the last meeting due to a prior commitment and Debbie was unable to as well due to attending the Installation of Christian Mothers at SIJ that evening. Jim did speak to someone that indicated that Fr. Tony's tenure as vicar is coming to an end and names are being put out as a possible replacement. "Unleashing The Gospel" is the theme of the synod which is to be shared at all parishes.

Old Business: Construction Update – things are currently on hold until the assessments are reviewed. There was a middle hand rail put into place going into church. The handicapped parking issue was discussed. Steve Brune was creating a flyer that was to be sent to Vince for approval and to get Father Darrell's signature on. We need to locate this flyer and see what the status is and get them to a printer. Father Darrell indicated to council that he would speak with his brother about the printing of these which will be a sticky note type piece of paper that can be put easily on a car

window. Father agreed to make an appeal at masses the weekend of May 21-22 and will discuss what steps will be taken if the situation continues.

Parish soft training – as of this date only Cindy Hasenauer and Judy Richardson have received the training. Vince indicated to the council that at this point in time he is not able to do the training and it was agreed by council that additional staff need to participate in this training. There was brief discussion about restructuring staff as well, this is a subject that will bear further discussion.

Parish Nurse Ministry – Fran Adamski has done a few small things within the parish and does so on a non-paid, volunteer basis as Father indicated at this time there is no ability within the budget to make this a paid position.

Father reported that the pastor pictures and time capsule are hung on the walls going into the parish hall coming from the breezeway.

Lou Anne brought up the subject of the parish council members names being removed from the weekly bulletin but indicated that they are listed on the online issue. Vince indicated that he is in the works on a "second addition" of the bulletin. More information to follow.

Because the Archbishops Gala falls on the same evening as the "Families on Fire for Christ" program, Father indicated that we will not attend this year.

PPC restructuring – Lou Anne and Gerri indicated that our June meeting will be their final meeting as PPC members. Lou Anne also indicated that she believes that Laura Berlin will step down as well. Father requested that the departing members submit a letter of resignation and that those members intending to stay submit a letter of intent to remain.

Our next meeting will be June 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the St. Isaac Jogues parish offices.

Closing prayer offered by Father Darrell at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahalak, Secretary