

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007, 7:00 P.M.  
AT THE PARISH CENTER

PRESENT: Fr. Jerry, Fritzi Bohlmann, Terry Gery, Chris Bohlmann, Thomas Plotkowski, Charlotte Ream, Carol Fontana, Mario Giacona, Jim Ernst, Lori Wright, Paul Venditti, and Linda Gough.

ABSENT: Barb Bakotich, George Papagni, and Linda Clements.

OPENING PRAYER: Chris Bohlmann opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02 P.M.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES: Tom Plotkowski made a motion to accept the April Meeting Minutes as written. Jim Ernst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Bohlmann mentioned that George Papagni has submitted his resignation from the Parish Council. Members were asked to entertain adding more parishioners to the Parish Council Membership.

DEVELOPMENTAL ITEMS:

A. Focus Items:

1. Loyola Press Parish Fund Raiser:
2. Samaritan House:
3. St. John Vianney Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008:

Chris Bohlmann recommended that St. John Vianney Parish move forward on the Loyola Press issue.

Chris Bohlmann reported that he met with Sr. Valerie. The Samaritan House issue is not overwhelming. They are doing a good job. As a parish we can have two (2) members on their board.

Fr. Jerry reported that the Administration Commission is completing the Parish Budget for 2007/2008. The budget should be available shortly. The parish should be free of debt in about a month or so. Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) contributions are being received. The Parish Office is processing the Raffle 2007 returns. Proceeds from Raffle 2007 will be used to install a walkway to the Marian Shrine.

B. Items Requiring Action:

1. Review Parish Fund Raiser Requests:

Chris Bohlmann reviewed the requests submitted for Parish Fund Raisers with the Council Members. They are: The Youth Group Mission Trip Buy A Mile for June 9 and 10 and June 16 and 17; the Knights of Columbus Daughters for June 9 and 10; and an Eagle Project for June 9 and 10. The Eagle Project was moved to June 16 and 17. A request was received to sell pastries after the weekend Masses on September 15 and 16 and approved. The Knights of Columbus requested to sell Tiger Baseball tickets on the weekends of May 25 through June 24. It was recommended that they be offered the open weekends, June 2 and 3 and June 23 and 24. Following a discussion, recommendation made that the Knights of Columbus be allowed to sell their tickets for four of the five weekends. That will be May 25 and 26, June 2 and 3, June 16 and 17, and June 23 and 24.

C. Presentations Leading To Action:

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D. Future Focus  
Items:

COMMISSION REPORTS:

A. Administration: Fr. Jerry mentioned that the commission continues to address the driveway issue. Fr. Leo Phelan is returning and will be available on weekends through August. Fr. Doc is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. The Parish Picnic will be held on June 3, 2007.

It was also mentioned that Bill and Mary Szelag are leaving the parish and relocating to Texas.

B. Christian Formation: No report.

C. Christian Service: Fritzi Bohlmann informed the Council Members that the commission is preparing for McRest. The Bone Marrow Drive for Alex Capizzi was successful. There were 468 donors processed and 72 parishioners who held a lead role in the processing of the drive. The commission will participate in the St. Patrick's luncheon on June 10, 2007.

D. Worship: No report.

REPRESENTATIVES'  
REPORTS:

A. Vicariate: Mario Giacona reported that Fr. Jerry is the new Vicar for the North Macomb Vicariate. Committees will be established to do the ground work. The Vicariate is the decision maker.

B. Senior Citizens: No report.

C. Youth: No report.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Mario Giacona distributed a copy of the Stewardship Report to the Council Members. The report was reviewed with the Council Members. There are 10 recipients being recommended for March 2007. They are:

o Sisters in Panama Oku (International)	\$ 2,500
o Cancer Society Walk (Local)	\$ 1,000
o Catholic Relief Services (International)	\$ 2,000
o Macomb Emergency Food Program (Local)	\$ 2,000
o McRest (Local)	\$ 3,000
o Tara Humara Children's Hospital (International)	\$ 2,000
o Boysville Holy Cross Center (State)	\$ 2,000
o CYO Summer Camp Program (Local)	\$ 2,000
o Project Hope Catholic Social Services Pregnancy Program (Local)	\$ 2,000
o St. Patrick's Senior Center (Local)	\$ 2,000

Following a discussion of the recommended recipients, Tom Plotkowski made a motion to accept the report as presented. Charlotte Ream seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OPEN FORUM:

Jim Ernst mentioned that Habitat for Humanity is requesting a \$5,000 contribution. Also, a commitment is needed for 15 volunteers. Mario Giacona reported that the Stewardship Committee has committed \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity. The committee will need a request in writing for \$5,000. Also, volunteers will need dates. It is hoped that they will start in June with 1,500 volunteers. There are six (6) Catholic Churches involved in this project. Definitely one house is to be built by women. It is planned that five (5) houses will be built between June and November. There will be one (1) home built in Clinton Township. There is one (1) house that is to be worked on. A suggestion was made that an article be published in the Parish Bulletin to recruit workers and that dates and times be specified for the workers.

Paul Venditti raised the issue of people sitting on the Baptismal Font. It can be a safety hazard. He suggested that stained glass be installed along the side edges. The issue will be reviewed with Fr. Jerry.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2007 due to the absence of the Chairperson on June 25, 2007 who will be out of town.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Chris Bohlmann closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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