

**SJN Parish & Finance Councils**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2016**

Present: Msgr. Pat Garrity, Karen Balo, David Campbell, Andrew Cieslik, Larry Lehmann, Jerry Lubert, Walt Hanson, Michelle Johnson, Cindy Muir, Ray Nowicky, Trish Varga, Ellie Sanchez-Valencia

Absent: Kristen Allison, Sue Conway, Julie Chiarella, Susan Dakak, Loretta Jacobs, Jeff Knox, Ken Hodak, Lynn McConnell, Tom Preston

- I. Opening Prayer – Msgr. Garrity
- II. Minutes of previous meeting (February 8, 2016) unanimously approved.
- III. Overview of 2015-2016 Financial Statements (several handouts-balance sheet and debt analysis). Msgr. Garrity quickly reviewed the financial statements for parish and charities (St. Vincent de Paul). Reviewed the change (reduction) in the parish debt. Debit is \$250K lower than what it was on February 2016 at the time of last meeting. Update on mass attendance and registered parishioners. Some growth has occurred. No report from SJN school because school is in summer break.
- IV. Update on Diocesan Capital Campaign and its impact on SJN– Msgr. Garrity and Ellie Sanchez-Valencia gave update on Home Campaign. As of 6/30/2016, about \$814K has been received of the nearly \$1.9 million pledged. The amount given is on schedule with pledged giving; about \$135K has been transferred to fund for the Parish Life Center, and \$267K transferred to debt reduction.
- V. Completed Projects (Larry Lehmann)
  - Two columbariums have been installed, blessed, and remains interred. About 58 niches have been sold. Columbarium committee established and operation of columbarium is self-sufficient and will operate separate from church.
  - Memorial plaque – moving forward; 42 name plaques done, 112 more to get done. Plan to install memorial plaque in church narthex before the end of 2016.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Communications (Walt Hanson) – no formal report provided. K of C Council is working to better coordinate events with our Parish master calendar. Website has been updated. Many ministries have made better use of available pages. Year of Mercy planning group has been active in coordinating many ministries' participation for this year. Next meeting of the planning group is August 11. Parish Pictorial Directory project has concluded; we are distributing hard copies. A free directory app will be available to all registered parishioners. Parishioners will be emailed how to download and login to the app. No ministries fair is planned this year.

- b. Social Action (David Campbell) – no formal report provided. 40 Day for Life in March was success with good participation. Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) very active; currently helping family of battered woman. Considering giving grocery certificate program over to youth group. SVdP has grown to other parishes (e.g., St Thomas in Lenoir City). Hoping to start SVdP ministry in all parishes. Now have a diocesan council for SVdP.
- c. Youth & Young Adult (Andrew Cieslik) – no formal report provided. Group from diocese going to World Youth Day in Poland. Parish youth ministry under direction of Al Forsyth is doing well. Plans for 10-week Divine Mercy educational program this fall; open to all age groups.
- d. Education/Faith Formation (Tom Preston absent) – Msgr. Garrity: no formal report provided. Sr. Elizabeth has set her schedule for upcoming year; will include class on beginning of the reformation. Marilyn Derbyshire and Al Forsyth working on changes for youth religious education and confirmation programs. Will be confirming youth in 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades this year (2016). Will do 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades next year (2017) and then begin doing 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018.
- e. Family & Parish Life (Trish Varga) – no formal report provided. Coffee and donuts after mass to begin again in fall when religious education restarts. Fall Festival considered for early October; need help planning and organizing as last year’s festival did not get good support for help. Considering having a “Beer Garden” event in the fall after Saturday evening mass.
- f. Spiritual Life (Ken Hodak absent) – no report provided.

VII. Old Business

- Open Council Position: Appointee Two (Term to end May 31, 2017). Msgr. Garrity asked for nominees.

VIII. New Business – none.

IX. Closing Prayer – Msgr. Garrity led prayer and gave a blessing.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Johnson