

**Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes
June 9, 2014**

Present: Msgr. Pat Garrity, Tom Perry, Michelle Johnson, Larry Lehmann, Jeff Knox, Walt Hanson, Deacon Mike Gouge, Trish Varga, Patty Murphy, Mary Hearnberger

Absent: Larry Moran, Andrew Cieslik, David Campbell

- I. Opening prayer – Msgr. Garrity
- II. Minutes from previous meeting (Jan. 22, 2014) – unanimously approved
- III. Update on building programs and progress (handout – Debt Analysis in Relation to Construction Projects – May 2014)
 - A. Current debt balance = \$6,467,000
 - B. Total construction projects = \$1,949,525
 - C. After construction projects – still under an all-time high by \$230,759
 - D. Acquisitions (Sisters residence) - \$455,000
 - E. Future projects (athletic storage and concession stand, summer 2014) - \$45,000
 - F. After all projects are finished – only over the all time high by \$269,241
 - G. Our loan limit is \$6,815,000. After the convent we are still \$80,759 below our approved limit, should we need to borrow any money unexpectedly.
 - H. Convent – we are paying less for the new convent than we were paying Sacred Heart Cathedral to house the Sisters; the convent is an investment that we can sell at any time if we do not need it anymore and pay back the debt.
 - I. Msgr. Garrity – It is important for parish council members to be able to explain to people that we are doing very well with our debt; debt has only increased a quarter of a million dollars since Msgr. came here, especially with how much building we have done in the last 4 ½ years.
- IV. Update on convent
 - A. Convent is basically completely done – fully furnished, walls painted, cleaned, alarm system, cable, etc. all set up
 - B. Only task is to add a door to the chapel to make it more private (waiting for the tempered glass)
 - C. Sisters had Sr. Anna, their Mother Superior from Kenya in to visit; both she and the Bishop have approved the name (St. Patrick’s Convent)
- V. Overview of latest financial statements (balance sheet/income statement handout)
 - A. List of assets
 - B. List of funds held in trust
 - C. WeShare (online giving) is still about the same but it should grow with the newcomers and younger generation
- VI. Update on Diocesan Capital Campaign and its impact on SJN
 - A. We are beginning the pilot phase
 - B. Campaign’s last phase will begin in 2017
 - C. Msgr. Garrity is Chair – there are still a couple of things to iron out; there have been some rough meetings; Diocese has pulled back a lot, they have taken several suggestions from Msgr.

- D. Need 13 captains from our parish (parish council and finance council) – council members need to be thinking of parishioners to be on each committee; people to contact other parishioners regarding mailings, etc.
 - E. The first goal of the campaign is set at 1.4 times annual parish offertory income in 2013 (SJN is \$1,597,000+) – of that first goal 50% comes to parish, 50% goes to Diocese (priest retirement, Education Trust Fund, Pope Francis Charitable Trust-grants for parish charities, new Cathedral, etc.)
 - F. Second goal – from 1.4 times to 2 times your parish income, 75% to parish, 25% to Diocese (anything over the goal will go to the parish)
 - G. Each pastor could choose whether or not he wanted to ask for Bishop’s Appeal and Capital Campaign at the same time or to split it up. Msgr. chose to split it up into two different asks to avoid confusion and so people know exactly what we are doing.
 - H. Parish and Finance Councils have decision to make – if this campaign is unsuccessful on our end, where do we put the money we have raised if not enough to build the parish life center (paying down our debt or in a trust toward a future parish life center)? Walt – potentially pay down our debt in 15 years if we went that route; Msgr. – not exactly, people are most likely to donate when they are seeing things happen.
 - I. Councils need to have an idea of parishioners opinions on building a parish life center
- VII. Update parish ministries list (given to newly registered parishioners)
- A. Current list is not up-to-date
 - B. Send any changes to Mary
- VIII. Committee Reports
- A. Administration – Larry (handout)
 - 1. Columbarium – very positive response from the parish survey, next step is to present to the Bishop and get his blessing to move forward. 173 families responded yes to participating, 111 responded no. About 35 gave their names and numbers to help in some way.
 - 2. Michelle – how many columbaria could we potentially have in that area? Msgr. – about 3-4 dozen.
 - B. Communications – Walt (nothing new to report)
 - C. Spiritual Life – Tom (handout)
 - 1. Sunday, June 22 – 11th annual Corpus Christi celebration
 - 2. Early plans for October “Our Lady of the Rosary” celebration
 - 3. Sr. Elizabeth is making tentative plans for a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Parish Mission October 19-22.
 - 4. Msgr. would like to have more theologically consistent events (e.g. a Marian prayer doesn’t belong with a Eucharistic feast); we need to be clear about what we are celebrating
 - 5. Sue Schafer from St. Albert the Great Parish is planning a get-together for Spiritual Life Committee reps from the area to share ideas and experiences.
 - D. Education (SJNCS) – Jeff Knox
 - 1. Preschool and kindergarten classes have filled up well
 - 2. Msgr. would like to bring back one weekend per quarter, letting the school children do everything for Mass. Jeff says there should be no objections, children’s test scores are phenomenal and the school is doing very well.
 - 3. School will have 2 kindergartens next year; in past years they have only had 1
 - 4. School teachers are very well aware of Common Core, but the school is not affected by it because of the high scores from the Iowa Test.

- E. Family & Parish Life – Trish (handout)
 - 1. Knights of Columbus parish picnic/fundraiser in August
 - 2. Ice Cream Social in July
 - 3. New – Sr. Restituta coming to the parish in August as Pastoral Associate; she is a certified pastoral counselor (for married couples, struggling, etc.). She will help with marriage prep, annulments, etc. Michelle – will this be a free service for parishioners? Msgr. – will talk to Catholic Charities regarding this, but this will probably be a free service for two or three visits; charges would be for those coming on a regular basis.
- IX. Old business (Deacon Mike Gouge)
 - 1. Fortnight for Freedom – June 31-July 4
 - 2. Litany for Liberty
- X. New business
- XI. Closing prayer – Msgr. Garrity

Respectfully submitted: Mary Hearnberger