

# SJN Parish Council Minutes – June 3, 2019

**In Attendance:** Joe Daverso, John Nasuti, Jim Healey, Miranda Toner, Helen Graziano, Melanie Blaszcak

Our meeting began with prayer by Joe Daverso at 7:00 p.m.

Joe Daverso led the meeting.

**May minutes** – Minutes accepted.

## 1. Updates

a) **Youth Ministry:** Melanie Blaszcak and Miranda Toner reported on the following Youth Ministry Events / Actions –

With Miranda Toner leaving the Council, a new Youth Ministry representative will need to be found. Will recruit both Primary and Alternate representatives, with both having voting rights. The following two persons were nominated by Melanie and Miranda – Matt Esaia and Bernadette Carney.

The Youth Ministry Bake Sale went very well, raising over \$700. Combined with another fundraising event, \$1,300 in total was raised. This will fully fund the six youths attending the upcoming June trip to Virginia to support the Catholic Heart Work Camp.

b) **Safe Environment Compliance** - Information session to be held at St. Isaac Jogues on June 12th. It was recommended that all Parish Employees, plus Volunteers in Leadership positions, complete Certification.

**CPR/AED training** - Will need to determine best way to roll out to Parish ushers and other ministries for training in the parish or in coordination with Mt. Laurel Emergency Services.

c) **Parish Council Member Listing** – Member listing, along with the Council meeting schedule, submitted to the Parish Office.

2. **Movie Night:** Joe Daverso submitted a formal proposal to show the movie - “Sexual Revolution 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae.” Waiting for approval from Father Pfleger. Will invite other cohort Parishes to attend.

3. **Parish Picnic** – The Annual Parish Picnic has been a very successful event in the past. Will coordinate planning activities with the Knights of Columbus, with support from the other Ministries. Tentatively scheduled for Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30 to 3:00. In prior years there was a small charge per family, plus Parishioners were asked to bring a food item of their own.

**4. Facebook** – Council members were encouraged to join other cohort parishes Facebook pages. If anyone has any items of interest, they should send them to Mike Rocco for posting to our SJN Facebook page. Helen Graziano suggested posting pictures from last year’s Parish Picnic to the SJN Facebook page.

**5. Cohort Survey** – Joe Daverso went over the results of the Cohort Parishes Survey. The purpose of the survey was to determine the wants and needs of the cohort parishes, and also to help decide what we can do to support the local Catholic community in general.

St Mary of the Lakes Parish had the best response percentage.

Joe Daverso will email results of the survey to the Council Members. We can then compare our parish’s offerings with the other cohort parishes.

**6. Eucharistic Adoration** – Council believed that there would be a benefit in scheduling Eucharistic Adorations. Adorations take place over forty hours. Melanie Blaszcak stated that the Adorations would be a great benefit to the youth of our parish, especially in keeping them engaged in the Parish as they get older. Would need introduce the concept of Eucharistic adorations to parishioners before implementing.

- **Council Members** agreed that there are numerous worthwhile events that take place in our parish. Especially events focused on parish youth. Need to engage parents with children in the parish, as their support is necessary for parish youth involvement.

Next Parish Council meeting scheduled for September 9th.

Meeting closed with a Prayer at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jim Healey