



## Parish Pastoral Council - Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 14, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Location:** SJN Social Hall B

**Attendees:**

- **Present:** Ron Bisek, Joe Cullen (Finance Council Chair), Mickey Custodio, Pam Erkel, Mary Margaret Hoden, Mary Hoffman, Julie Larson, Fr. Tony O’Neill, Jeff Ritacco, Fr. Josh Salonek, Michael Schmidt
  - **Absent:** Patricia Ogbeide-Ihama
  - **Minutes:** Submitted by Mary Hoffman, Secretary
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**Call to order:** 7:00pm by Ron Bisek

**Opening Prayer:** Ron Bisek

**Overview of Year:** Ron Bisek

- As council chair, Ron offered his vision for the year. He is humbled to be leading the council at St. John Neumann. Our charge is to make a difference within our parish.

**Pastor’s Report:** Fr. Tony O’Neill

- *Covid Update:* The social hall is now open during all weekend Masses. This provides space for those who prefer to remain socially distanced with masks in place.
- *Daily Mass Changes:* Beginning January 1, 2022, more Masses will be added back to the daily schedule. In addition to the noon Mass each weekday, there will be a 7:30am Mass added on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as a 5:30pm Mass every Wednesday.
  - Daily Mass will remain in the main church.
  - More confession/reconciliation opportunities will be added as well.
- *New Rectory:* The closing date of the new rectory will be October 8, 2021. The new rectory is located on Chatterton Road adjacent to the parish property.
  - The new rectory will be conducive to having visiting priests. In addition, it will have a dedicated chapel.
  - A real estate subcommittee of the Finance Council has been formed to review the alternatives for the current rectory and adjoining land. Nothing is imminent at this point in time.

- *SJN Men's Group*: A new initiative within the SJN Men's Group was relaunched on September 11. The group is also trying to engage more young men to be involved.
- *SJN Ministries*: Fr. Tony discussed the many ministries at SJN. We are all stewards of the Lord's ministries, taking direction from the Holy Spirit. All ministries should be pointing in the same direction, following the mission of our parish and larger church.
  - Discussion also took place regarding the possible overlapping of some ministries at SJN. Perhaps some of the ministries might combine and consolidate their efforts.
- *Ministry Kick-Off*: Fr. Tony has scheduled a presentation on Discipleship for Saturday, September 25. The presentation is for all involved in ministry at St. John Neumann.
  - Ron Bisek will be sending an email inviting all committees/ministries to attend. Also, since the next joint committee/council meeting is not meeting until November 9<sup>th</sup>, he encourages all committees to meet at least once prior to that date.
- *Scotland*: Fr. Tony will be visiting his parents in Scotland and will be gone for approximately two weeks in mid-October. Enjoy, Fr. Tony! May you have a blessed trip.

#### **Finance Council Report: Joe Cullen**

- Financially, the parishioners of SJN have increased their giving. We are above budget for collections. The generous giving of our parishioners is a remarkable reflection of our parish.
  - Although collections are up, the Finance Council is still hoping for an increase in electronic giving.
- *Capital Expenditures*: The HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system is in need of new electronics and equipment. The repairs to the current system will happen in phases.
- The parish's financial statements will be audited by an independent CPA firm in the near future.
- The Finance Council will have its own retreat this fall.

#### **SJN Constitution and Bylaws: Ron Bisek**

- Ron Bisek led the discussion regarding the SJN Bylaws and possible changes to our current guiding document. A subcommittee was formed to review the bylaws and bring suggested changes to the Council at the October meeting.
  - *Action Step*: Pam Erkel, Mary Margaret Hoden and Mary Hoffman will meet prior to the next Council meeting to review the bylaws. Suggestions and possible changes will be presented at the next meeting.

### **PPC Goals for 2021-2022: Ron Bisek**

- Ron Bisek discussed the importance of goals for the Council. After lengthy dialogue and collaboration, three goals were created for the upcoming year.
  - *Action Step:* Ron Bisek and Mary Hoffman will meet prior to the next Council meeting to fine-tune the wording for each of the goals. The finalized goals will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

### **Joint Council/Committee Meeting Process: Ron Bisek**

- Joint council/committee meetings occur every other month. Prior to Covid restrictions, the meeting began with a shared meal, followed by remarks from the pastor and the chair. Committees would then meet as a group. The PPC discussed whether we should resume the meal portion of the meeting. Due to Covid variants, it was agreed that the meal portion of the meeting will not be resumed at this time.
  - *Action taken:* Pam Erkel made a motion to suspend the meals for now. Mary Margaret Hoden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

### **Next Meetings:**

- Saturday, September 25, 2021 – Leadership Retreat @ 8:45am
- Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – Parish Pastoral Council meeting @ 7:00pm
- Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – Joint Council/Committee meeting @ 7:00pm