

**St. John's Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2016**

Members Present:

Kerry Ellen Elliott, Chair
Justin Malsam, Vice Chair (absent)
Anita Bokan, Secretary
Roy Van Steenbergen
Brad Jahn
Gordon Pirrong
Mirian Cook (absent)
Jake Timmons
Daniela Ysursa (absent)
Gina Burns
Miguel Duarte
Jorge de Varona

Rector:

Fr. Jerry Funke

Staff:

Oralia Lorenzana
Deacon Tom Dominick (absent)

Guests:

Rick Atkinson
John & Jenny Ysursa

1. **Called to Order** at 7:00pm by Chair.
2. **Opening Prayer** by Miguel Duarte.
3. **Approval of March Minutes:** Roy Van Steenbergen moved to approve the minutes and Brad Jahn seconded: motion was carried.
4. **Financial Committee Update:** Rick Atkinson gave the Council an update. He first explained what the Endowment Fund is and also what it is used for. It was started 25 years ago by Father Riffle with the generous support of many parishioners who believed in setting money aside for the maintaining of the Cathedral for years to come. It has grown to nearly \$3 million since it started. It is invested at the Diocese level along with other Parishes' funds. The interest rate has been just short of 5% over time. The donations to the endowment fund are never touched. Plus there is some earnings retained over the years so that the fund can grow. Some of the earnings of the fund, however, are used to defray the extraordinary expenses of the Parish. Most recently the Parish used these funds for the Cathedral parking lot and the maintenance of the Parish elevator. Two things are considered before using these earnings... What are the available funds to spend at a given time?...and Is it for the maintenance needs of the Cathedral?

5. **Marriage Enrichment Ministry:** John and Jenny Ysursa are the ministry leaders. Their ministry is part of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM. They are currently the only ministry leaders in Idaho for Marriage Enrichment. It is a ministry that is not necessarily Catholic but the core teachings are. It is a format for recharging your marriage. They integrate God into the equation. The ministry needs volunteers to help run these retreats. They will be having "A Taste of Marriage Enrichment" gathering on May 6 in the Queen of Peace room at St. John's Riffle Center from 6-10pm. They will use this venue to entice couples to attend their weekend retreats. Our Cathedral stepped up to sponsor this ministry so they can receive and share the materials. This is a Diocese wide event.

6. **Strategic Plan 2016 Draft Update:** We talked about continually working on this draft and putting measurements of success or failure into place so we can look at the progress of the plan. Also, it was suggested to put staff or ministries in place who could possibly help implement the plan. Anita, Brad and Jake were to meet using Kerry Ellen and Anita's suggestions that were submitted prior to the meeting. Our council will review the newest draft once the Chair receives and distributes this newest draft.

7. **Rector Report:**
 - *Holy Week* – Bishop Peter and Fr. Jerry felt the week went very well and the events were very well attended.
 - *Idaho Catholic Appeal* – St. John's has met and surpassed our goal of \$174,971. As of April 8, 395 parishioners have participated in the Appeal and have given or pledged a total of \$187,592. St. John's Cathedral still encourages all families to participate according to their abilities. The chairs Alfredo & Angela Guzman and Kevin & Colleen Jones did a wonderful job and were thanked.
 - *Lorissa Horn* will be resigning as of May 2016 from her position of Youth Ministry Coordinator. She has given 20 years to this ministry and will be missed. There will be a reception for her on June 12 after the 5pm mass. The parish is seeking a replacement for her and hopes to have someone in place not later than August 1.
 - *Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)* – This has been approved by the Finance Committee and the contract has been signed. The exact date to start implementing this hasn't been set, but the Parish is looking at the last Sunday in September or the first Sunday of October. This increased giving program has been successful in other parishes, and unless we meet the goals OSV is suggesting, we will not have to pay for the service.
 - *Task Force of St. John's Parish* – This is a volunteer Committee that will look into our Parishes development. This will entail looking at new regulations from the Labor Department; examine accurate job

descriptions, salaries, and vacations to name a few items. They met with the Parish staff on Wednesday, April 6.

- *Cinco de Mayo* – This Parish Celebration will be held Thursday, May 5 in the Parish Hall from 5-9pm. St. Joseph's School will be having a concert that evening prior to the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Our pastoral council was asked to sign up for a shift to help with set up, food prep, serving, and cleanup. Oralia passed around a sign-up sheet.
- *Church Safety & Security Training* – June 14th from 8a.m. – 4:30p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Boise. Father Jerry asked if a member of our Pastoral Council would like to attend. The cost is \$99 per person, which the office will pay.
- *Adopt-A-Highway* – April 23 is the day our Council will be picking up trash along Mile Posts 54-56 on Highway 55. Daniela is organizing and has asked all to respond to her e-mail on whether you can attend. She has the details on time and place.
- *Newcomer's Reception* – There will be a reception for new members of our parish after the 5:00pm mass on May 21. The Stewardship Council will be organizing this. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- *Spring Social* - Father Jerry will host the Spring Social for our Pastoral Council members and their spouses. It will be on Friday, April 29 at 6pm at Father Jerry's residence. More info to follow.

8. **Council Member's Forum:** A couple of items were brought up.

- *March 11th Stations of the Cross:* It was said in both Spanish and English. Much of it was said simultaneously and seemed to be very confusing and perhaps lost its value.
- *Divine Mercy Sunday:* A parishioner was disappointed that the painting of the Divine Mercy was not displayed on the altar for the Masses. It has always been done in the past. It was suggested we place it on the altar in the future.

9. **Next meeting,** May 4 will be a tour of the Cathedral led by Tom Mannschreck. Confirmation on time will be addressed prior to the tour.

10. **Final Prayer** by Father Jerry.

11. **Meeting was adjourned** at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Bokan.