

St. John Vianney Parish
Prayer and Worship Committee Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2011

Members present: Chair: Bob Reddin, Vice-Chair: Jill Fischer, Secretary: Ken Kern, Mary Ann Davel, Marlene Dutton, RJ Ley, Mary Lopez, Joe Pottebaum, Dave Sanders, Joni Schmanski, Gaylene Townsley, and Rose Wegner.

The meeting opened with a brief period of Faith Sharing. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Guest speaker Dr. Mike Reid spoke in support of a written proposal which had been submitted to our committee by Fr. Phillip with the support of Fr. Ken. The proposal calls for the creation of a new ministry at SJV to be called "Faith Seeking Healing". As stated in the proposal, this Healing Ministry will provide "a series of teaching seminars to prepare laity to develop their gift of healing so as to minister to individuals who are in need of spiritual, psychological, or physical healing." The seminars will be conducted by Dr. Margaret Schlientz. The goal of the ministry will be to then have regular gatherings of individuals who desire to pray for healing. The establishment of this new ministry is being proposed as temporary, and will be reviewed by the Pastor on or about December 31, 2011 to determine if it should be continued. It was pointed out that this endeavor will be starting out with no assurance of results, that no counseling is involved, and that there will be no liability to the Parish. A motion was made and seconded, and a vote passed in favor of this proposal by this committee.
2. An update was given regarding the planning for the upcoming celebration of First Communion. It was reported by Bob and Joni that planning is going well and that the initial returns regarding families' choices of mass times has shown a pretty good mix, with the largest group choosing 4:30 on Saturday. There may be a request to ask some of those 4:30 families to consider a different mass time. It was again noted that we need to communicate with the Parish as a whole prior to the event so that parishioners can make informed choices about attending. Questions were again raised regarding the logistics such as seating and parking. Overall it looks like First Communion should, as always, be a positive experience for all.
3. Committee members were invited to speak at this weekend's masses to encourage new members to join our group. Five committee members came forth and volunteered to speak.
4. There was brief discussion about where everyone is with their term on the committee, and that thought should be given to whether or not they intend to stay or leave in the near future. It was also noted that in April we will be discerning for new officers for next year.
5. Mary and Jill noted that they are continuing to work on completing our Strategic Plan for submission to Parish Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ken Kern.