



Joliet Area Vocation Association

**402 S. Independence Blvd.
Romeoville, IL 60446**

JAVA Meeting Minutes

Date: August 9, 2006
Location: Lewis University Pavilion
Time: Noon

Present: Claire Vandborg, Barb Kwiatkowski, Carolyn Jost, Kevin O'Donnell, Ronald Beaumont, Bob Loffredi, Burke Masters, Karen Bricher, Marj Westendorf, Greg Darr, Guy Jelinek, Lovina Pammit, Nora Labanauskas

- I. Prayer:** Sr. Carolyn Jost
- II. Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves since there were new members.
- III. Formation: JAVA.** Br. Guy Jelinek gave a brief history on when JAVA began and how it has evolved through the years. Guy himself has been with JAVA for 21 years. The Joliet Vocation Office had been only dealing with diocesan priests for many years. JAVA began with Fr. Lee Ryan, Joliet Vocation Director, when Sr. Gesuina Bongiorno and Sr. Theresa Galvan approached Fr. Ryan about having the office help the religious congregations. Fr. Lee formed what is now called JAVA. For the last 13 years Fr. John Regan continued JAVA. JAVA seemed to fumble for the first few years and when John Regan came 13 years ago it took a turn. JAVA got into the high schools, grade schools and college campuses. Busy Persons Retreats and Story of My Life developed along with the www.vocations.com web site. Congregations were pleased that there was collaboration between the communities and the diocesan vocation office. In 1995, John asked Bishop Imesch to write a pastoral letter on vocations. Guy felt it was one of the most spirit filled occasions of JAVA. Guy expressed his appreciation for all the people that sacrificed their time to be a part of JAVA over the years. It was asked if there are groups such as JAVA all over, but it was explained that several dioceses have started groups such as Chicago has CAVA, but it is not nationwide.
- IV. Minutes:** May minutes accepted.
- V. Goals & Objectives 2006-2007:** See attached Goals & Objectives Revised. We looked over them and made revisions and also decided that realistically we cannot do everything listed this year.
- VI. Calendar:** The meeting was running longer than expected and people had to leave. A date was set for the next meeting. Fr. Burke and Nora will look over calendar to set meeting dates and contact other JAVA members with a tentative list of meeting dates.

- VII. Priorities/Projects (Choosing Programs & Setting Dates):**
- A. Grade Schools** – will try to get vocation fairs at the grade schools.
 - B. Religious Education** – nothing to report
 - C. Catholic High Schools** – Sr. Barb will be getting a date for JCA for a Vocation Fair. We will see if there are any other high schools interested.
 - D. Youth Groups** – nothing to report
 - E. University Campuses – BPR/Beverages & Donuts** - Kevin will be adding Midwestern University to his campuses.
 - F. Young Adult Groups** – nothing to report
 - G. Serra Club of DuPage** – remove from priority list.
 - H. Vocations In Our Families** – nothing to report
 - I. Bulletin Profiles**– nothing to report
 - J. Seminarian Poster & Directory**– nothing to report
 - K. Poster of Men & Women in Religious** – cannot be a priority at this point because of the transition in the diocesan vocation office right now. It might be done some time in the future.
 - L. Rosary for Vocations**– nothing to report

VIII. Vocations.com Web Site: The Bishop has given Fr. Burke permission to keep it at this point.

IX. Communication from JAVA: *All* communication regarding JAVA is to go through the Joliet Diocese Vocation Office first. If someone is needed for a scheduled event or is scheduled for an event and cannot make it, the Joliet Vocation office should be notified and will send out email looking for more help. If a committee member needs to send letters or brochures out regarding an event, it must come through the office first for approval.

X. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 13, 2006**
Location: **St. Charles Pastoral Center**
Time: **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Chair: **Guy Jelinek**
Secretary: **Nora Labanauskas**
Prayer: **Sr. Marjorie Westendorf, OSF**