

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2014
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Charlie Garza, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Rey Blancarte, Walt Graner, Johnny Martinez, Suzanne Pacheco; Finance Council representatives: Judy Tixier, Susan Curran.

Prayer: Offered by Geoff.

Minutes from May 15, 2014: motion to approve by Geoff, seconded by Walt, passed unanimously.

Master Plan Discussion

- First goal – pay off current debt.
- Next, determine what facilities need to be built (new church? multi-purpose center?) and prioritize.
- Master Plan previously drawn up has many positive aspects, needs to be updated and presented to parish.
- Hope to have updated plan ready to put into action as soon as debt is paid off.
- Fr. Charlie will present a “State of the Parish” address at the 9/7-9/8 weekend Masses, including the updated Master Plan.

Pastoral Plan Discussion

- Suzanne and Dot met with Fr. Charlie on 6/15 to initiate planning.
- Immediate task to form working committee; Fr. Charlie will be inviting nominees to participate.
- Committee will gather suggestions from parishioners regarding ministry needs: how current ministries could be expanded or improved, and what new ministries might be considered.
- To accomplish this goal, committee will design a survey to be made available, on-line and in hard copy, to elicit feedback from parish members.
- They will also schedule and facilitate parish meetings, similar to those held last August 25 and January 30.
- Information gathered from survey and meetings will be studied to see what patterns emerge.
 - We will establish five general areas, or pillars, of need.
 - Under those five pillars we will identify five to ten specific objectives that can be addressed over the next five years.
 - A time-line will be created, with the most pressing needs to be addressed in year one, and less urgent objectives to be addressed in years two through five.
- Presentation of Pastoral Plan to parish should take place five months from the time the committee first meets.

Grounds Update

- Statue of Mary placement awaiting concrete specialist’s return from vacation.
- Mobile sign still a possibility; design and cost as yet undetermined.
 - Walt will draw up design and submit to Fr. Charlie for consideration.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

- Dot announced Women’s Ministry’s plan to launch prayer blanket ministry, providing lap-size blankets to give to parish members experiencing some kind of hurt: chronic illness, surgery, chemo, bereavement, etc.
- Once volunteers have expressed an interest, work sessions will be held to distribute materials,

and begin prayerful assembly.

- Details regarding soliciting requests for blankets and arranging delivery have yet to be worked out.
 - Dot and Rachel Palacios to brainstorm on June 23 to hammer out specifics.

Father Charlie's Items

- This weekend (June 21/22), focus will be on Eucharistic Adoration.
 - Only half the slots on the 5 AM-10 PM schedule are currently filled.
 - Goal is to fill all the slots, ideally with two people for each hour.
 - Once weekdays are covered, work toward establishing weekend schedule.
 - Ultimate goal would be Perpetual Adoration.
- Fall Festival planned for 11/9/14; committee being formed to oversee (so far): games, raffle, silent auction.
 - Fr. Charlie would like to have a live auction; his experience with this has shown it to be a reliable fund-raiser.
 - Fun Run not planned this year as part of Fall Festival.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, July 31 at 6:30 PM.

Closing Prayer: Offered by Walt.

Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte