

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 31, 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: St. Martin de Porres.

Minutes from June 19, 2014: motion to approve by Suzanne, seconded by Walt, passed unanimously.

State of the Parish Address

- To be delivered at all Masses the weekend of September 6/7.
- Susan C. to present parish financial picture, with the aid of slides.
 - Current status, debt reduction, planning for future to accommodate anticipated growth.
- Fr. Charlie to address call to stewardship.

Prayer and Life Workshop

- Purpose to deepen spiritual life and prayer.
- To be led by trained facilitator; 16 sessions lasting 2 hours.
 - Utilized successfully in other parishes.
- Planned to begin February 2015, tentatively on Monday evenings, 7-9 PM.
 - Good follow-up for ACTS retreatants, providing opportunity to build on retreat experience.
- Program to be re-evaluated by Pastoral Council after first workshop period.
- Motion by Dot, seconded by Walt; passed unanimously.

Parish Festival Update

- Raffle tickets a concrete way to address debt reduction.
- Top 3 prizes: \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000 Visa gift cards.
 - In addition, 7 other donated prizes.
- Live and silent auctions, and fellowship activities.
 - Still looking for volunteers for set-up and publicity.
 - K of C to handle grilling; Mexican and Asian food will add variety.

Finance Council 2014-2015 Budget Presentation

- Presented by Susan C.
- Outlook depends on maintaining current rate of growth.

Electricity Easements

- Question arose due to new development on RR 12.
- Geoff to examine documents when available, and report back to Pastoral Council.

Faith Formation Update

- RCIA to be coordinated by Deacon Dan; program to run September through May.
- Adult Confirmation to be coordinated by Deacon Ed; program summer-based; candidates to be confirmed with youth in Fall.
- Many retreats scheduled for Faith Formation teams.
 - Much thought given to features such as live music to attract youth.
- First Communion celebrations will be consolidated down to one weekend.

Additional Item

- Suzanne brought up concern about medical emergencies occurring at Mass.
- General agreement that it would be helpful for ushers to know which parishioners in attendance have medical knowledge, and could render assistance.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7 PM (note change of day and time).

Closing Prayer: Offered by Geoff.

Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte