

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY AUGUST 19, 2014  
7:20 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 Fr. Charlie.

Minutes from July 31, 2014: motion to approve by Suzanne, seconded by Rey, passed unanimously.

**Mass Announcements/ Pulpit Talks Feedback**

- Busy times of the year mean more announcements.
- Positive feedback about birthday and anniversary blessings.
- Person delivering pulpit talk should be chosen carefully.
  - Delivery persuasive, succinct, making eye contact.
- Agreed that pre-recorded talk too impersonal.

**Use of Portico**

- Only parish ministries permitted to engage in fundraising outside church.
- Fair access for all ministries should be ensured.
- To avoid “marketplace” atmosphere, no more than one ministry selling, one promoting; or two promoting; limited to two consecutive weeks.
  - An additional ministry promotion may be considered, depending on circumstances.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

- Men have been meeting weekly on Thursdays, would like to meet weekly on Tuesdays, and invite women of parish to join them.
- Tentatively scheduled to meet in education center great room; details to be announced.
- Approved by Council.

**Electricity Easements**

- PEC has yet to produce documents clarifying situation.
- Meeting with PEC next week to review options.

**Pastoral Plan Committee**

- Committee now assembled; to meet with Fr. Charlie on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 to outline plan of action.

**Next Meeting**

- Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM in rectory.

**Closing Prayer:** Offered by Geoff.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dot DeWitte