

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY September 18, 2014
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Charlie Garza, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Suzanne Pacheco, Rey Blancarte; Finance Council representative: Judy Tixier.

Prayer: St. Martin de Porres.

Minutes from September 18, 2014: motion to approve by Rey, seconded by Suzanne, passed unanimously.

Fall Festival Update

- Raffle ticket returns still coming in.
- Sponsorship response has exceeded target goal.
- More games and food planned, compared to last year.
- Youth stepping forward to volunteer; still need more adults to help.

Parish Survey Update

- Current response count 285, with one day left before end of survey.

Pastoral Plan Update

- Dot reported on Parish Town Hall Meetings, held October 19 & 21; attendance 8 & 4 respectively. Topics raised included need for more meeting space, larger sanctuary area, greater diversity in music at Mass, inclusion of youth in ministry positions at 5 PM Sunday Mass, welcoming newcomers, promotion of ministries, enlisting teens to assist in religious ed classes.
- Meeting next week (November 5) to discuss survey data, and to begin outlining ways to address parish needs, develop time line to meet specific goals.

Parish First Quarter/ Debt Reduction Acceleration

- Debt reduction accelerated; payment plan is ahead of schedule.
- Education building projected to be paid off.

Respect Life Month Feedback

- Positive comments expressing appreciation of Fr. Charlie's homilies linking Church teaching to readings.

Easements and Buildings Updates

- PEC easement still in holding pattern.

Fr. Charlie's Addenda

- Religious ed enrollment at all-time high, at every level.
- Spanish Mass update: concern about recruiting sufficient numbers for ministries.
 - Plan to distribute flyers to Faith Formation classes to reach those parents.
 - EIM workshop will be offered in Spanish.
 - May need to ask English-speaking ministry members to serve for first few months.

- How to elicit parish feedback on regular basis?
 - Comment box in Narthex.
 - Chance to speak with Pastoral Council member after each Mass, maybe on quarterly basis.
- Discussed discernment process for selection of new Pastoral Council members.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Closing Prayer

- Offered by Rey.

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Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte