

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY JANUARY 8, 2015  
6:30 PM

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

**Prayer:** St. Martin de Porres.

Minutes from October 30, 2014: motion to approve by Walt, seconded by Rey, passed unanimously.  
Colby Jackson introduced.

### **Update on Progress of Debt Payment**

- Education Center debt paid off.
- Church debt close to being paid off.
- Payment on rectory debt is on schedule.

### **Pastoral Plan Update**

- Outline of plan drawn up by Pastoral Plan Committee distributed. PC is to provide feedback to Suzanne or Dot.

### **PEC Easement Update**

- Discussed impact of pole placement on entry road to church property.
- Meeting with PEC planned in near future to discuss details.

### **Church Expansion**

- Diocesan consultant, Patrick Baker, suggested expansion off transepts, since narthex expansion would involve moving restrooms. He said estimated cost would be in the \$400,000 range.
  - Fr. Charlie felt design not pleasing aesthetically, and would only be temporary solution.

### **Maintenance on Church (Pews/Floors)**

- Decision to explore cost estimates for refinishing pews, filling and restaining concrete floors, and replacing chairs with pews. Cosmetic work will provide some limited additional seating, plus enhance the interior appearance.

### **Parish Activity Center (PAC) Design and Cost**

- Most immediate need is classroom space.
  - Existing classrooms are full; need to accommodate anticipated parish growth.
- Construction of PAC makes sense as next goal, with space large enough to accommodate overflow from future weekend Masses, and work long-term as new parish hall, with movable partitions.
  - Explore design possibilities with worship space for 500 to 600 in main area, and up to 8 classrooms.
    - Specific needs (number and size of classrooms) to be worked out, with feedback from Kevin and Michelle.
- Motion by Dot to focus parish efforts exclusively on PAC, instead of church expansion; seconded

- by Geoff, unanimous approval.
- Motion by Geoff to support beginning process to design PAC, and doing needs assessment as we seek to design the building; seconded by Walt, unanimous approval.

### **Parking Lot Expansion and Timing/ Infrastructure Issues (Sewer and Road Expansion)**

- More available parking means more people coming into church.
- Any consideration of design and location of parking area must take into account future building needs; best to approach project as a whole.
- Need to abandon septic field and tap into city sewer lines.
  - City will require money up front to begin process of sewer planning: fee for development agreement, additional fee to engage engineering consult.
- Walt stated that the PAC footprint will in turn dictate other planning.

### **Final Discussion**

- Proposal for pursuing the construction of PAC be submitted to Parish Finance Council for approval, and then submitted to Diocese.
- Need for expansion of Building Committee to plan new construction.
  - Should consist of 5-6 members with building experience, financial savvy, and the time available to commit to this endeavor.
- Goals for 2015 to have parish debt substantially paid off, building committee formed, and architectural design and estimates obtained.
- Goal for mid-2016 to have debt completely paid off, and initiate capital campaign.

### **Additional Items**

- Susan C. suggested enlisting help of visiting priest to provide additional Sunday Mass, perhaps at 10 AM.
  - Fr. Charlie sees this as possibly feasible in future, but only if parish hall/ PAC were utilized, not church.
- Term limits and replacement process for Pastoral Council members to be discussed at next meeting/

### **Next Meeting**

- Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

### **Closing Prayer**

- Offered by Colby.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dot DeWitte