

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2015
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Charlie Garza, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Rey Blancarte, Johnny Martinez, Walt Graner; Finance Council representatives: Judy Tixier and Susan Curran; Guests: Michael Bugh, Jarred Craddock, Al Wells.

Prayer: Offered by Fr. Charlie.

Minutes from January 8, 2015: motion to approve by Johnny, seconded by Walt, passed unanimously.

Update on Building Committee

- Currently in formation and will work on design/ feasibility of new Parish Activity Center.

Al Wells Discussion

- Walt introduced Al Wells of Wellco Construction, and Michael Bugh and Jarred Craddock of SK-1, who informed the Council about the merits of various types of construction, and the advantages of contracting with a consulting engineering firm to facilitate fabrication of PAC.
 - Construction time shortened.
 - Being kept informed of costs from the outset, more financial control over project.
- Building Committee will make recommendation to Fr. Charlie on firm that will design the PAC and will make sure this firm has Diocesan approval.

Update on Debt Payment/ Church Note

- Church note paid off. This is attributed to decreased parish expenses, increase in parish tithing, a successful Fall Festival, and some individual gifts.
- The parish debt should realistically be paid off by the end of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (July 1, 2016).
- In order to plan for the future, the building committee will determine the cost of constructing a new PAC. Then a financial feasibility study will determine how much the parish can realistically expect to raise. If the Parish Activity Center is financially feasible and meets with parish and diocesan approval, then a Capital Campaign would be initiated.

Scheduling a Church Payoff Celebration

- It was decided to have cookies and punch after each Mass the weekend of 2/28-3/1 to celebrate the payment of church debt note.
 - Rey and Susan C. will recruit PC and FC members to help with this.

Discussion on Parishioners and Neighborhood Use of Parish Land

- Neighborhood adults and children walking or riding on church property paved areas pose potentially dangerous situation from collision with cars.
 - A decision was made to use the bulletin and pulpit announcements to bring this matter to parishioners' attention, and ask for their cooperation.
 - If problem persists, will need to come up with parish policy, and install signs around church property.
- DS Football has asked permission to use green space for flag football.
 - Pro: supervised, insured group with approved activity.

- Con: involves additional scheduling work for parish staff; may encourage other groups to make similar requests, further increasing scheduling burden.
- Motion by Geoff to deny permission, seconded by Dot; unanimous approval.

Discussion on RR12 Access

- Future goal is having a two-way road that would run through parish property.
- There have been close calls where cars going in opposite directions on the one-way road have almost collided.
- Walt is following up.

Transition Process for PC Membership

- Geoff and Dot will rotate out by end of April/May, with 3 new appointees coming in.

Next Meeting

- Date for March meeting TBD.
- Next scheduled meeting Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Closing Prayer

- Offered by Walt; blessing by Fr. Charlie.

Adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte