

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011  
7:05 PM

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Jean Tixier, Dot DeWitte; absent: Marcello Rodriguez.

**Prayer:** Vatican Council prayer

**Glenn Rosilier's May 8 Presentation:**

- Positive feedback, appreciative of information.
- Text will be posted on parish website.

**Parish Picnic:**

- Those who attended expressed desire for repeat event.
- 10 AM Mass time apparently a surprise for some; came expecting Mass at 8:15 or 11 AM.
- Next time set up in shadier spot.

**Pledge Card/Offertory Plans:**

- Cards slow to be returned; 24 as of 5/12, but encouraging results so far.
- CAVAN wants name for program, some kind of slogan.
- Possible September start date for program.

**Sister's Trailer:**

- Mover hasn't called back so far; will keep trying.
- Meeting to be held 5/24 of Dripping Springs Community Mission Project at DS United Methodist Church, 7 PM. Patsy Ward will attend.

**AC/Roof Issues:**

- Mary Armatta, Mark Spellman, Marcello Rodriguez, Geoff Unger & Fr. Ed met to discuss projects sometime down the line; no immediate work needs to be done on AC, roof, or landscaping.
- Marcello presented spreadsheet detailing maintenance planned and carried out, giving dates & problems encountered.
- AC units inspected by Austin Air.
- Per Mark S., both units (each 20-ton) working OK; some rusting of one drainpan.
- Will get other bids to see what expenditures may be involved, hopefully by week of June 5 to submit to Finance Council.
- Geoff impressed by Mark S.'s abilities.
- Mark S. & Marcello will get bids on roof & AC to assess our options, maybe consider cosmetic work on roof for the present.

**ACTS Group Fundraiser:**

- Annual raffle requested by ACTS group.
  - Discussion raised several points:
    - Perhaps ACTS could raise fee charged for retreat.
    - Maybe a second collection for scholarships 4-5 times during the year.
    - If fundraiser were held, maybe a percentage given to church (stewardship of treasure.)
    - Desirable for more ACTS participants to get involved in ministry (stewardship of time & talents); to that end, maybe have sign-up sheets available the last day of retreat.
    - Fr. Ed will talk with ACTS group and get feedback.

**Other Fundraisers:**

- Next meeting of Fundraising Committee 6/8/11 to discuss future plans.
- Still want to hold major event – fancy dinner, silent auction, guest speaker.
  - Possibly Mark Wahlberg – challenge of being Catholic (just now in talking stage.)
- Convenient location for event needed.
  - Maybe our own grounds – twinkle lights in trees, area(s) set aside for dancing, have food

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**Member Ministry Elections:**

- These roles are liaison in nature to facilitate communication.
- Bulletin announcement will inform parish whom to contact with concerns & suggestions.
  - Plant Operations: Fr. Ed (he is already attending plant ops meetings.)
  - Fiscal Stewardship: Geoff Unger (covers fundraising & finance.)
  - Faith Formation: Jean Tixier & Dot DeWitte (liturgy & GWG/RE.)
  - Ministry Groups: Marcello Rodriguez (Scouts, ACTS, K of C, Food Pantry.)

**Parish Website:**

- Lisa doing an outstanding job; website very creative, great marketing presentation of SMDP programs to community.
- Important to add document re: Pastoral Council guidelines to inform parishioners of our role.
- PC minutes to be e-mailed to Lisa so she can create a link on website.

**Other:**

- Sunday, May 6, 2012 will be 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Martin de Porres' canonization; maybe ask bishop to come and celebrate with our parish.
- Retreat for Pastoral Council with facilitator some time during July or August, in conjunction with administrative staff to plan for next year.
- Need to add members to PC; currently OK for us to stay small, feeling our way & growing in confidence & abilities.
  - After Christmas will request nominations from parish.
- Ernest Banasau of DSVFW Post wrote Fr. Ed letter requesting permission to hold Combat-Patrol-based Christmas service on 12/17/11 from 10 AM to 2 PM, utilizing open land behind RE building & church office.
  - DS community would be invited.
  - VFW would take care of liability insurance.
  - Helicopter to fly in chaplain & Santa, and remain on site for inspection.
  - PC members felt this would be good PR, and show support for Men & women in armed forces.
- Birthday, anniversary, visitor blessing: plan to ask at Mass (first Sunday of month) who is celebrating or visiting.
  - Fr. Ed mentioned practice of giving Bible to couple the Sunday before their wedding.

**Closing Prayer:** Offered by Fr. Ed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dot DeWitte