

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011
7:40 PM

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

Prayer: Vatican Council prayer

August Budget/Financial Update:

- Website & bulletin contain all budget information.
- Meeting held in July with diocesan representative to outline our financial picture, & to discuss line of credit from diocese in anticipation of shortfall situation.

Fundraising:

- Fr. Ed met with Stella Sanchez, a parishioner with fundraising experience, to discuss raffle plans.
 - She agreed to contact area vendors to solicit raffle prizes.
- “Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future” flier to be inserted in bulletin 9/17-9/18 (Catechetical Sunday) detailing calendar of parish events.
- When to hold Fall Festival? Fr. Ed will talk with K of C to ask if they will “share” 10/22 (their Best of the Wurst event). Other weekends in October less workable due to other scheduled activities, e.g. ACTS retreats.
- Mary Armatta enthusiastic about Pumpkin Patch, hoping to invite entire DS community.

Plant Issues - Repairs, Maintenance:

- Cost of AC compressor has been included in budget.
- Other expenses (non-emergent) can be dealt with at a later date.
- Fr. Ed interested in forming a Building & Grounds Committee to suggest and oversee improvements, made up of parishioners with appropriate experience.

GWG and RE:

- Good enrollment, although not maxed out.
- Fr. Ed will bless children and student athletes at weekend Masses who are starting a new school year.

Website:

- Accessible information from all committees and councils contributes to transparency, & informs parishioners what's going on, what programs are offered.
- Posting Pastoral Council agenda prior to meeting enables parishioners to participate with questions &/or suggestions.

The Catholicism Project:

- Viewing of DVD will replace Thursday evening Bible Study, beginning 9/22 at 7 PM in the Church.
- The course will run for 10 weeks.

New Roman Missal:

- Beginning 9/17 & 9/18, bulletin inserts will address the changes to be implemented by the NRM.
- Several pew card designs were examined, one of which was chosen.
- New music (Gloria & Gospel Acclamation) will be introduced in September.
 - Spoken translations may not be used until 11/27.

Pastor's Notes:

- Ernest Banasau, whose request to hold Combat-Patrol-based Christmas service on 12/17 was presented at the 5/28/11 Pastoral Council meeting, has decided to wait a year to carry out his plans. He is still eager to proceed, but needs more time to work it all out.
- Pat Stankus, of St. Thomas More Church, has agreed to act as facilitator in a Pastoral Council Workshop. We will learn more about our roles, have time for prayer & discussion, and address the topic of adding more members.
 - Possible dates in October will be presented to Pat; final date TBA.
- Candles in Adoration Chapel: concern about necessity of frequently replacing canister candles (one on each side of monstrance). Fr. Ed pointed out that the only candle required is the sanctuary lamp, kept burning at all times. For this purpose, pillar candles such as those used in the main church will be used; they usually last 2 weeks.

Closing Prayer: Offered by Geoff Unger. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte