

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
7:02 PM

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Jean Tixier, Dot DeWitte, Marcello Rodriguez.
Glenn Rosilier (Finance Council representative)

Prayer: Offered by Fr. Ed.

August Financials/Fall Festival:

- Date for Fall Festival: 11/12 & 11/13/11.
- Plan to locate it in front of church property for greater visibility.
- Stella Sanchez suggested 5K run/walk on Saturday 11/12 to begin at 7 AM.
 - Early registration fee \$25; \$30 day of race.
 - Participants would receive packet containing water bottle, T-shirt with logo, literature from American Heart Association.
- Ideas for Sunday activities include BBQ chicken with sides, bake sale, cow patty bingo & regular bingo, silent auction.
- Glenn presented August financial picture: good month; recommended moving forward with AC repair ASAP.

Ornaments:

- Victoria Gimino has a friend who makes Christmas ornaments; will make any requested design, waiving her usual design fee; needs minimum order of 250, with \$1930 up front. Selling at \$15 each, parish would realize \$1820. If specially designed, they would not be ready before Christmas.
- Glenn pointed out that if they don't all sell, we would lose money that could be spent on other things, like the AC.
 - Maybe local vendor could produce similar product.
- Council members liked samples, felt that people would buy them, especially if the design were particular to St. Martin de Porres parish.
- Maybe have sign-up list to determine interest.
- If we opted for design(s) she already has, may be able to purchase for this Christmas.
- Lots of questions; need to talk to artist; perhaps she'd be willing to set up booth with ornaments she has in stock, with parish getting a percentage of selling price.

Hospitality/Donuts:

- Patrick Merry has been responsible for taking care of donuts after Sunday Masses, but now has to tend to family matters, and will need replacement.
- Each parish ministry will be assigned one month to take responsibility for this service. Fr. Ed will get procedure details from Patrick.
- Opportunity for ministries to go beyond their usual roles and help build community.

RCIA:

- We currently have 4 adults in inquiry stages, along with some children, baptized and not.
- The process takes “as long as it takes”, depending on individual's progress.
- Need for team to coordinate efforts of sponsors, candidates, catechists. Formation of team now ongoing, needs to be in place before Rite of Acceptance.

Building/Grounds:

- AC in hall: Geoff will talk with Mary Armatta.
- Septic system behind RE center needs attention, perhaps needs to be pumped.
- Leaks noted around great room windows in RE center.

Parishioner Comments/Concerns:

- Fr. Ed's availability: will look into establishing set office hours.
- Middle School RE: parents have requested more engaging presentation of material to keep students interested.
 - Suggested parents be invited to observe class on specific date(s) and offer comments and suggestions to teacher.

The Catholicism Project:

- Starts tomorrow (9/22/11) 7 PM in the church.

New Roman Missal:

- Homilies in October & November will focus on NRM, specifically changes in Mass parts. Each week's bulletin will have relevant inserts.

Pastoral Council Norms/Groups:

- Before next Pastoral Council meeting, members to review norms as outlined in guide distributed last year. We will consider norms as they pertain to us at St. Martin's, and adopt finalized versions.
- Also need to discuss length and number of terms. Staggering is important so that Pastoral Council consists of both seasoned and new members.
- Pat Stankus willing to lead workshop; date discussed, settled on choice of 10/12 or 10/26. Decision and final plans TBA.
- Group assignments:
 - Jean and Dot to work with Mary Armatta, Lisa Phillips, Susan Bonner, and Fr. Ed.
 - Marcello to work with Scouts, St. Vincent de Paul, Deacon Dan, and K of C.
 - Geoff to work with Glenn and chairman of Fundraising Committee.
- Geoff will reach out to all associated groups and inform them of Pastoral Council contacts.
- After Christmas, names of potential new Pastoral Council members will be approved by Fr. Ed, and then put up for election.

Change in Staff:

- Mark Spellman declined offer of full-time position (preferred working part-time). Replaced by Jorge Castrejon as full-time groundskeeper/maintenance man. His wife Claudia also hired part-time to clean buildings.

Wish List:

- Due to generosity of several parishioners, Fr. Ed is able to order cope, humeral veil, monstrance for the church, and new Missal. These gifts will be blessed at an upcoming Mass.

Pastor's Notes:

- Sister Trinita Baeza, an Oblate Sister of Providence, will speak at Masses this weekend.
- It's Diocesan Catholic Services Appeal time again. Commitment Sunday will be 11/5 and 11/6.
 - Video will be shown at Masses.
 - Contributions from pew envelopes account for 40% of monies raised.
- What are we doing about outreach to recently bereaved, to widows, to divorced parish members? Stephen Ministries is a not-for-profit organization providing Christ-based training for dealing with these needs.
 - Fr. Ed will check website, maybe consider getting involved.
- October is Respect Life Month; handouts will be made available for parishioners to pick up.
- Discussed wine & cheese reception for newcomers to follow Saturday 5 PM Mass; plan to have first one 11/12 as part of Fall Festival.

Closing Prayer:

- Offered by Marcello, a prayer for priests.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.
- Next meeting during Pastoral Council workshop in October, date TBA.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte