

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 16, 2013
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Rey Blancarte, Walt Graner
Finance Council representatives: David Boone, Judy Tixier, Josie Kelly

Prayer: Second Vatican Council Opening Prayer

Adoption of 4/11/13 Minutes

- Tabled pending arrival of Suzanne Pacheco

Finance Council Presentation

- FY13 anticipated shortfall \$45,000, due in large part to decline in collections & disappointing fundraising results.
 - Collections had been on upward trend up until this year; now cannot assume this will continue.
- FY14 budget presented & discussed.
 - Emphasis on parish's need for Youth Minister/Director of Faith Formation.
 - Strong programs will attract & keep more families.
 - Geoff expressed concern over number of Catholic families in area between RR12 & Belterra neighborhood who are members of neighboring parish, primarily because of youth programs available there.
 - Discussed ideas to generate income.
 - Walt would like to see parish facilities used to bring in revenue (e.g., making REC available as retreat center.) Layout of campus (distance from church to parish hall) lends to decreased participation in parish events.

Director of Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Update

- Applications being reviewed.
- Fr. Ed passed out copies of job postings.

Parish Fundraising

- Geoff described idea of “reverse raffle” used very successfully in another parish.
- Fundraising Committee has dwindled; hope to bring new members with fresh ideas on board.
- Timing of Mardi Gras event may have contributed to lack of success - ? too soon after post-Christmas bills. Maybe consider having Spring and Fall Festivals instead.
- Important to maintain participation in Founders' Day – dependable source of income.

Mission Statement

- Available in condensed version, on parish website.

Commission Assignments

- Commissions need to reach out to parish groups to discuss future outlook of parish; goal is to increase community, decrease fragmentation.
- Proposed meeting of heads of ministry groups.
 - Before next Pastoral Council meeting, commission leaders to contact heads of ministries to explain purpose and extend invitation to brainstorming meeting.

- Everyone's talents utilized to move forward: ideas on fundraising, growth of participation within teams.
- Date, time and place of meeting TBA.

Emergency Situations/Disruption during Mass

- Diocese may have guidelines; Fr. Ed will check.
- Ministries, such as ushers & Eucharistic Ministers, have procedures to deal with particular situations (e.g., disruptive persons, spilled sacred species.) Agreed that in case of “person down” in church, best option to call 9-1-1.

Sacristan Team

- Seminarian Hai Nguyen held training session before leaving.
- Fr. Ed & Dot to meet next week to discuss logistics.
- Will be particularly helpful when visiting priests here in Fr. Ed's absence.

Next Meeting

- Scheduled for June 20, 2013 at 6:30 in REC Conference Room.

Closing Prayer:

- Offered by Fr. Ed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM..

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte