

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29, 2014
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Suzanne Pacheco, Rey Blancarte, Walt Graner, Johnny Martinez; Finance Council representatives: Judy Tixier, Glenn Rosilier

Prayer: Prayer of St. Martin de Porres; Parish Mission Statement.

Adoption of 11/29/13 Minutes

- Motion by Rey, seconded by Geoff, unanimous approval.

Grounds Update

- Gazebo now in place.
 - Lots of favorable comments.
 - Architectural design matches that of church.
 - Good space for gathering after Mass.
 - Finishing touches (e.g. benches for seating) still to be added.
- Bells no longer functioning.
 - Difficult to replace needed parts.
 - Two proposals for repair have been submitted.
- County tax exemption denied for 17 acres of church property.
 - Too much land not currently being used for sanctuary purposes.
 - March deadline to file plans for such utilization.
 - Meditation areas.
 - Soccer goals (Youth Ministry).
- New subdivision being developed close to St. Martin de Porres, across RR 12.
 - Parish family should see significant growth.
 - Traffic on RR 12 will be affected.
- Church video system.
 - Mike Monaghan has been working on improvements, changing out equipment as needed.
- Proposed retreat center on church property.
 - Walt presented his vision of basic but functional bungalow that would house retreatants.
 - Parish hall could be used for meetings and cooking.
 - Groups outside of parish always looking for places to hold retreats, so regular occupancy is likely.
 - Walt to work out the numbers, and present at future meeting.

Ministry Out-Reach Issues/ Planning

- Ministry meeting tomorrow, January 30, from 7 – 9 PM in parish hall.
- Fr. will explain role of ministries, followed by small group discussion and subsequent sharing of ideas.
- Eucharistic Ministers need to be re-certified; names to be submitted to diocese.

Narthex Video/Slide Review

- Suzanne's slide show in narthex will begin the first week in Lent.
- Periodic updates according to liturgical season.

Mardi Gras Update

- Mardi Gras tabled for this year.
- Fall Festival may be utilized as the one major fund-raiser, with a Casino Night on Saturday of that weekend.
- What about some kind of fund-raising event this May?
 - Topic to be raised at tomorrow's Ministry Meeting; any event will require someone willing to plan and organize details.

Father's Items

- Fr. Ed distributed to Pastoral Council members copies of two books, Rebuilt and Tools for Rebuilding, to read and discuss at future meetings.
- Parish Mission a big success, lots of positive feedback.
- Fr.'s retreat in El Salvador and Guatemala “incredible”, but it's good to be home again.
- Glenn mentioned that the Finance Council is in transition, with two new members coming on, and Glenn and David Boone phasing out.

Next Meeting Date

- Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 PM.

Closing Prayer:

- Offered by Johnny.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte