

## REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY april 24, 2014

6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Charlie Garza, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Suzanne Pacheco; Finance Council representative: Judy Tixier

**Prayer:** Second Vatican Council, Prayer of St. Martin de Porres.

Introductions all around.

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### **Triduum and Easter Feedback**

1. Accommodating attendance at Christmas and Easter.
  - Holy Thursday and Good Friday saw attendance of about 300; Easter Vigil about 250; Easter 8:15 AM about 475; Easter 11 AM 600+.
    - These figures based on extra chairs needed, plus number of standees, both inside and outside.
  - Planning for future extraordinarily attended liturgies may involve extra Masses, necessitating changes to usual Mass schedule.
  - Feedback needed from parishioners: what schedule will best meet their needs.
2. Comments received regarding Triduum
  - Veneration of Cross on Good Friday prolonged because of two-by-two approach (which actually became one-by-one).
  - Fr. Charlie's homilies well received.
  - Fr. Charlie's voice reached back row occupants.

### **1. General Comments from Council**

2. Fr. Charlie's "Welcome" Event
  - Fr. Charlie prefers low-key and informal; suggested May 4 (day of his being formally installed as parish administrator) after each Mass.
  - Judy will coordinate with Women's Ministry.
  - Announcement to be made at each Mass this coming weekend (April 26/27).
2. Fundraising
  - Previously discussed plans to have some sort of fundraising event at end of May or beginning of June were not realized; ran out of time, "transition" occurred.
  - Focus now on Fall Festival.
3. Facilities Update
  - In Walt's absence, Geoff informed Fr. Charlie regarding proposed sign on trailer announcing events, visible to passersby on RR 12.
4. Narthex Video
  - Suzanne explained purpose: to instill sense of community with images of K of C, groundwork, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc, interspersed with generic images of Catholic Faith.
  - Feedback from parishioners that loop is too lengthy for such a congested space.
  - Decision to revisit, maybe to shorten and update periodically.
  - Agreed that this is a good opportunity to make use of narthex space.

5. Ministry Meetings

- Discussed meetings that were held last autumn and in January this year; Fr. Charlie wants to start planning right away for next meeting to build on momentum established. Possible date and agenda TBD.

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**Finance Council Update**

1. New members Dennie Givens and Nat Patano joining Susan Curran and Josie Kelly; Glenn Rosilier and David Boone to serve through end of FY14.

**Fr. Charlies's Items**

1. Council Terms/Maintaining Current Council

- Makeup of council will continue unchanged for now; those members due to rotate out will stay on until beginning of 2015.

2. Master Plan

- Pastoral Council asked to study Master Plan, focusing on layout rather than on cost or building design.
- Next meeting will discuss what we like/dislike about proposed plan; how will it fit various ministries' needs?
- How to present plan to parishioners and elicit feedback?

3. Pastoral Plan

- The purpose of a Pastoral Plan is to focus on ministry growth rather than facility growth. Fr. Charlie would like a plan that the parish approves of regarding expansion/growth of ministries.
- Identify five areas of need, such as youth, elderly, etc.
  - What new ministries should be established to serve these areas?
  - What existing ministries need to be expanded?
- Pastoral Council to form subcommittee: Pastoral Plan Committee.
  - Purpose to develop survey, on-line and hard copy, for entire parish.
  - Information gathered will enable Pastoral Plan Committee to focus on key areas.
  - Nominations for chair of Pastoral Plan Committee will be entertained at next Pastoral Council meeting.

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- **Next Meeting Date**

- Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 PM.

**Closing Prayer:** Offered by Fr. Charlie.

Adjourned at 8 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dot DeWitte