

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

2021-Jan-28

NON-MEMBER FORUM: Jenn Stacey, PTO

Jenn came to present the MARY GARDEN COURTYARD project to PPC. The goal of this project is to

- a) Increase outdoor learning space
- b) Take an under-utilized space and use it (space is at a premium)
- c) Create a sacred area for prayer and reflection.

The suggested plan is:

- a) Create table seating so students have an area to work
- b) Develop the right side of the area as a "faith area" and will add a St. Francis statue and a rosary walk.
- c) Develop the left side with artificial turf (for lower maintenance) and put in a mural.
- d) A low-maintenance option for flooring in this space will be worked in to the project.
- e) Install an arbor.
- f) Install a water feature.
- g) Install a sun dial or weather station.

Estimated cost is \$39,000. PPC approved of this plan.

IHN

IHN is still on hold.

Father asked about the rice bowls. It was suggested that on-line giving might be a better idea to promote than the rice bowls.

WORSHIP

Father talked about the bishops' response for Ash Wednesday. Instead of placing ashes on the forehead, they're going to sprinkle them on the forehead instead. Father said that these changes will be published.

PARISH BUSINESS

Father has been busy with the funeral and visitation for Grant Wolf.

DISCERNMENT

John McCahan gave an update. The discernment committee (from PPC, that was John McCahan and Jim Bush) met in January for the planning meeting. We've received the contacts and are to report back by

February 19th. The next discernment meeting in Monday, March 1, and those who feel called to work on one of the chosen ministries will attend.

OTHER NOTES

Sara is leaving at the end of the year and made a recommendation for Ella Skolniki to replace her. Father will follow up with Cheryl Ann.

The archbishop has approved funding and the building of the Community Center. Two sub-committees have formed for this project:

- a) Funding raising and marketing. The goal is to raise \$4 million dollars.
- b) Budget and Construction.

There is a Gant chart for the fund raising.

Very tentative ribbon cutting for the new facility is scheduled for the fall of 2022.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th, and 7:00.