

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019 – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Present: Jared Shutt, Carly Tolson, Deanna Benner, Debra Traini, Fr. Ed Hallinan, Gerry Arango, Kevin Haggerty, Lynne Schofield, Maureen Wortz, Neil Sheehan, Pat Lockwood, Marianne Duffy

Absent: Brian Larson

- Opening Prayer - Gerry
 - Pastor's Discussion
 - Fr. Ed. - Update on availability of clergy
 - Fr. Zumbrum – available 2 weekends a month; leaving 2-3 open. Fr. Richard Owens available to take others. Retired oblate Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick periodically available. Might have to drop mass count down if people are unavailable in the future. Looking in a few years for a retired priest to come stay here to help keep masses going at 4 a weekend.
 - Parish Life
 - Advent and Christmas - Mary
 - Very successful
 - 63 families in Adopt a Family – over 200 kids
 - Youth group made soups for CSS clients, gave party at Stinson Tower
 - 50+ meals for Thanksgiving
 - 150+ gifts to Stinson Tower
 - Strong collections
 - 3 toy deliveries to Chester
 - 90+ home bound visits
 - Christmas Masses - Mary
 - Christmas Eve Masses full
 - Christmas mass – going to drop from 3 to 2 masses on Christmas morning due to heavy attendance on Christmas Eve
 - Collections – Mary
 - Overview of finances. Christmas, Block, and Sunday collections are all down slightly.
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| Christmas | 89,389 | 82,199 |
| Block | 120,798 | 114,392 |
| Sunday | 525,383 | 520,873 |
- Catholic Charities topped its goal and other donations were high. i.e. Fire Victim family.
 - Printed report in bulletin given praise for the snapshot of what is going on in the parish
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 - Coming Up – MLK: A Musical Celebration (3pm Sun. Jan. 20) – Mary
 - Choirs from 2 years ago coming back
 - Combines the choirs and services from the past two years
- Parish Life Center –

- Feasibility Study – being completed by an outside firm
 - Series of interviews on feelings on parish life center – not asking for the pledge, just general information. 40 interviews requested; 45 registered to date
 - Next step would be a town meeting(s)
 - 501C3 SJC Parish Life Center – allowing people to donate directly to the PLC exclusively; protecting funds from other uses
 - Pictures of PLC on display for viewing during the meeting
 - Questions/Concerns/Support from other parishioners?? – Fr. Ed
 - Neil – some response given is unsupportive; “we can’t afford it”
 - Kevin – How much did the other feasibility study say we could raise?
 - Fr. – \$2.5 Million; but we didn’t understand where they got that number and not confident in how the study was completed.
 - Kevin – How many people were interviewed in the last study?
 - Fr. and Mary – less than 25. We did not feel comfortable about the findings.
 - Carly – supportive of the second study of a larger size
 - New number for PLC - \$2 Million
 - Mary – What do you all think?
 - Kevin - People may not see the PLC as a necessity; like they did the church renovation
 - Pat – suggested stressing the 501C3 so people know exactly where the money is going
 - Kevin – need to present it as the absolute necessity for the logistical functioning of the parish
 - Fr. – allowing the mission here to “get legs and feet” to grow
 - Maureen – communicate the ability to grow and support our parish life and ministries
 - Neil – two concerns:
 - Prospect of a recession
 - Conflicting information
 - Abuse fund and PLC fund confusion
 - Mary – we are trying to ensure that we have the title to the building. St. Robert’s in Chester owns the building (making it owned by the parish, not the Archdiocese)
 - Maureen – does the company help with the communication plan?
 - Fr. Yes, they are very helpful with doing that
 - Carly – coming up with a suggested donation amount for parishioners – is that a typical part of the report
 - Fr. Will have to look into that more.
- Closing Prayer – Kevin
- Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – 7:00pm