

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2014

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Al Perpuse, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Rocky Ragano, Kayla Gross, Jason Williams, Joe Mills, Michael Thomas, Lynne Schulman, Jim Caldwell, Joe Tiralla, Daniel Scanlan, Carolyn Smithburger and Mady Rivera

Missing: Jack Yatsko, Linda Pixton, Bobbie Woollen, John Weigel and Eduardo Braham

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Al Perpuse at 7:05.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

Fr. Daly welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fr. Daly asked that we reschedule the April meeting as he had a conflict with the April 22 date. A motion to reschedule the April meeting to April 29 was made by Cathy Berger and seconded by Jason Williams. The minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion made by Jim Caldwell and seconded by Mady Rivera.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for: the deceased, Maurice Erly, Fr. Bill Hines and Fr. An Vu; and, for the sick, Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Linda Hederman-Ellenes, Jonathan Tucker, Fr. Huberto Bejarano Marie LeBark and those mentioned in the bulletin.
2. Small Groups: We have 23 small groups meeting. There are approximately 125 people participating. There will be a meeting of the coordinators at the end of Lent to discuss how it went.
3. Rediscover Catholicism: This book will be distributed at Easter masses. There were 500 copies ordered. It may be used in the future discussion groups. Cards welcoming all visitors and inviting them back will be distributed at each mass on Easter.
4. Parish Mission: Fr. John Graden OSSF, will be here from April 6 to 9 for our parish mission. The theme is "Going Home." He will do all the masses on April 5 and 6 to invite people to the mission. Fr. Daly will be at his niece's wedding in Boston that weekend.
5. Easter Sunday: Change in schedule. Masses will be 8PM vigil, 9AM and 11AM. Masses will be more crowded but we will be able to get everyone in the church. The Noon mass last year was very lightly attended, about 200 people, because it was late in the day and bi-lingual. The Vigil will be bi-lingual this year. The Knights will have an egg hunt. Al Perpuse suggested adding more chairs.
6. Special Projects Campaign:
 - HVAC in parish center is complete. Final cost \$82,000
 - Cemetery expansion – columbarium wall has been approved by the Prince Frederick Architectural Review Committee. We are awaiting approval by the Archdiocese. Will begin construction in June or July.
 - Church porch – Tom Reinecker has been hired to give us ideas about the church porch and improvements. Will go out for bids this spring with the hope to have the porch completed this summer.
 - Parking lots – need to be resealed and stripped this year. It has been 12 years since they were last done. Broken concrete will be replaced at that time as well.
 - Sidewalks – nothing has been done yet. We need to wait for better weather. We may be able to use our own local crew for this project.
 - Michael Thomas suggested that next year we look into using something other than rock salt to de-ice the sidewalks during the winter.
7. Other
 - RCIA retreat at West River – nine people coming into or back to the Church will attend.
 - Chapel painted – We will live with the color for a month or so and see what we think.

- Cardinal Wuerl is coming for a joint deanery meeting of all Southern Maryland Parishes on March 31. Dinner will be served after the meeting for all priests and deacons of Southern Maryland.
- St. Patrick's Day celebration and talent show was a success.
- God's Gifts is now in the cottage. They like this new space. Rocky Ragano made a sign for over the door.
- Food Pantry has expanded space and received a \$5,000 grant from Catholic Charities for the expansion. We will get a new sign for out front.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Housing Project – Met with County Planning & Zoning office on March 7. The church is located in the historic old town center so it is very restricted. Currently no apartment buildings are allowed. Fr. Daly will write a letter suggesting a high density town center. People should be in a walkable community. We could legally build in the back of our property. Fr. Daly will get Jim Brown of Victory Housing to see if we have any usable property.
2. Rebuilt Committee – Jim Caldwell will report in April
3. Website – Jason Williams will report in April.
4. Catholic Heart Work Camp – will be in Boston June 28 to July 5. There are 16 spots. So far 3 students have applied.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Social Concerns Report:** Joe Mills gave report (see attached).
2. **Religious Education Report:** Jim Caldwell gave the report (see attached).
 - He suggested we hire a paid Youth Director.
 - World Youth Day will be in Poland July of 2015. We could ask Mila for help with this. Her parents live in Poland.
 - Jan would like to bring P.J. Anderson in to do the music one Sunday.
3. **Family Life Report:** Cathy Berger gave report (see attached).
Motion to accept the Social Concerns Report, Religious Education Report and the Family Life Report (1, 2& 3 above) was made by Carolyn Smithburger and seconded by Joe Mills. **Motion passed.**
4. **Parish Work Day**
 - We no longer host a work camp at St. John Vianney. We tried to get a work camp for the whole area but it didn't work out. Jan Pedone recommends coordinating a parish work day on the Saturday (August 2) before the Parish Picnic (August 3). We may need to choose another date as we may need more than one day. Joe Mills will meet with Jan Pedone and report back to Pastoral Council at the April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD April 29, 2014

OPEN ITEMS

Remaining from last year:

1. Relationship with sister parish in Hidalgo (Father Daly) – Discussed at September 2012, November 2012, and January 2013 meetings. A group of four people will go down to Mexico in June to discuss a way to revitalize or end the relationship.
2. Hurricane Sandy project (Father Daly) – Discussed at November 2012 and January 2013 meetings.
3. Reestablish "Go Green" committee (Father Daly) – Discussed at January 2013 and February 2013 meetings.

This Year:

4. Theme for this year.
5. Banner
6. Homily Evaluation form review. (Pastoral Council)