

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - 08-28-2014

In Attendance (9):

Fr. Joe Szolack, Fr. Chris Mann, Steve Graham, Patti Graham, Tammy Gatto, Barry Hills, John Philban, Colleen Phifer, Frank Dunleavy

Opening Prayer: (led by Fr. Joe Szolack)

Formal Introduction of Fr. Chris Mann (by Fr. Szolack & Fr. Chris)

- Fr. Chris was born and raised in South Phila (18 yrs), then joined the Marine Corp. (6 yrs). He has been a Priest for 11 years (ordained in 2003). He's had many assignments around the world. Most recently, he has been assigned here in the Diocese of Camden. First, at Cape May Court House (1 yr), then at Holy Child in Runnemede (2 yrs) and now at Infant Jesus Parish. He describes his experience here so far as "being a round peg in a round hole." We're happy Fr. Chris "fits in" here and his family is only a couple miles away. Our parish welcomes and embraces Fr. Chris!

Deacon Bob Kenney Update: (by Fr. Szolack)

- Double-Bypass Surgery was successful. Carotid Artery Surgery scheduled in about 6 weeks. Please continue to pray for Deacon Bob and Judy

Finance Council and Trustees Update (by Fr. Szolack)

- Jeff (Current head of the Finance Council) and Sue sold their house and will be moving out of the parish (within 8 weeks) to MD. Jeff, part of the Core Team, was instrumental in developing the financial profile for our (successful) Merger. Bob Law will be taking over as the Head of the Finance Council. The current Parish Trustees (Lou Greco and Jeff Heck) will also be changed. Bob Law will be a Trustee, and the other Trustee has yet to be determined.
- Plan a "Thank you" event for Jeff (and Lou)?

Ministry Directory Update (by Fr. Szolack)

- Sharon Sandone has sent off info and pictures for directory. Should arrive any day
- This directory "booklet" will be good for: parish registration, welcome committee, evangelization, fall festival, emailing (if we can get a digital copy), etc.

Fall Festival Update (sponsored by Kings Men)

- Friday, Sept. 19th @ St. Margarets Church featuring popular Christian Band - Calling Glory
- Pastoral Council should have a "welcoming" table (registrations, bulletins, ministry info, etc.)
- Let's get the word out: other youth groups, Fr. Rob Sinatra-Rowan University, etc

Youth Group Update (by Fr. Szolack)

- Jess Fahy has "stepped down" as Youth Group Minister - focus is Full-Time mom of 3.
- Crystal Fried has agreed to "keep things going" until a new YG Minister is hired.
- Tara from Crossroads has expressed interest.
- Advertise? Star Herald. Contact Greg Coogan for leads?
- What are our expectations (single, continuity), goals, results for this ministry? Spiritual vs. Social? Add Young Adult Ministry to this job description? Get Jess or Kari-Denise involved?

Evangelization/ Vocations Update (by Steve Graham)

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- Jim Janco proposes a Survey to (a) people in the pews and (b) mailing to non-Mass-attending Catholics to find out: "Why people aren't attending Mass" and what ministries are needed.
- People might like Pope Francis, but are they "listening" to the salvation message? Are their lives being transformed?
- As a parish, as a council, we need to reach out - help people strengthen their faith - to be there in those "crisis" moments.
- We are thankful for our newest thriving ministries: Book Club, MOM's Club, Kings Men
- Where else are we needed: people who have lost children or a spouse (widows), people who can't have children or have trouble adopting, Vocations, Young Adult, Prayer Line, Elizabeth Ministry?
- Can existing ministries take on these needs? Comforting ministry? MOM's ministry?
- Let's pray about this as a council and come back next meeting with some ideas.

Spirituality Committee Update (by Patti Graham)

- Small Faith Sharing Groups (SFSG) - some resumed this summer, some will resume in fall. (Topic: Matthew Kelly's book: Rediscovering Catholicism)
- 40 Hours - will be scheduled around the feast day of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque - 10/15-10/17. No ministry/group meetings on these days - but come together for adoration. Holy hours on Wed and Thu and Mass on Fri at 7:00pm with procession (and social after Mass in the Ministry Center). During school day, children can also attend adoration.
- Sunday Night - Mystery Players - Way of the Cross
- Soup & Scripture - Film series presented by Fr. Chris
- Stations of the Cross - presented by different ministries: Kings Men, ReIED, Legion of Mary, etc.
- Monthly "movie nights" - Inspirational movies - bring your own...popcorn.

Buildings and Grounds Update (by Barry Hills)

- St. Margaret's School - Roof Started/Secure (Mark Cipilone)
- Infant Jesus Parish Rectory - renovations will start soon
- St. Margaret's Church Roof - patchwork for leaks
- St. Margaret's Ministry Center - Sign and Light to be purchased & installed

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing Prayer (Fr. Chris Mann)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 25th (9/25/14) 7:00pm St. Margaret's Campus - Ministry Center - Room B

Meeting Minutes submitted by:
Frank Dunleavy