

## **Pastoral-Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 28, 2016 7:00-9:00pm Ministry Center

In attendance: Fr. Szolack, Fr. Mann, Sr. Michelle, Dcn. Frank Dunleavy, Tammy Gatto, Jim Janco, Steve Graham, Tara Ingebritsen, John Philbin;

Not in attendance: Barry Hills, Bob Law, Patti Graham, Dcn. Nick Danze

### **1. Opening Prayer** (Fr. Szolack)

### **2. Deacon Bob's Retirement Celebration** (Fr. Szolack & Tammy Gatto)

- Deacon Bob's status is Retired. For all his years of service, support & prayer...
- Proposed Celebration for Sun, April 17th after 10:00am Mass at SMC in the Ministry Center/Gym
- Invite Priests, Classmates, Parishioners & Family (Put "Invite Form" in Bulletin. RSVP?)
- Invite Diocesan Rep (Dcn Michael Carter, Dcn. Leo McBlain) Charismatic Group
- Check w/Sharon (calendar and Check w/Richard (KOC Help). Fr. Szolack will contact Bob w/ideas.

### **3. Building & Grounds** (Fr. Szolack for Barry Hills)

- SM Church Roof Update - 3 roof bids sent to Diocese (Fr. Hughes). We may do a "Capital Campaign" and/or "Memorial" Campaign
  - \* \* \* SM Church Heating System constantly running. Fr. Szolack to call Hutchinson
- SJV Roof (7-8 yrs old) needs "venting"
- SJV Other Plans: paint outside (+ steeple, windows) Redo front (doors), More handicap accessible (cement)
  - \* \* \* SJV 2 Trailers/Trucks parked in parking lot. Fr. Szolack to contact.
- SJV Change Alarm to sound inside church only. (neighbor complaints)
- SM School Roof going "Solar" (Diocese is spearheading this effort)
- SM School "Adding Rooms" is "on hold" for now because of new Catholic Schools document.
- Exly Snow plow hit rectory garage. Exly will pay for it.
- \* \* \* SMC/School Parking Lot snow removal not done well (per Sr. Michele/ Fr. Chris) Fr. Szolack to Contact Company

### **4. St. Margarets School** (Sr. Michele)

- School enrollment is good. (about 589) Families re-registered for next year (wait list)
- Catholic Schools Week (2/1-2/5)
  - Students will speak at all Masses (next year more adults speak) , Second collection is for all Catholic Schools in Diocese
- Activities include: MON: Student Appreciation/Prayer Service
  - TUE: Day of service for year of mercy/Art & Music Festival
  - WED: Open House
  - THU: Vocation Awareness Sr. Michele/Dcn.Nick
  - FRI: Mass/Faculty & Staff Volley Ball/ half-day
- Hired School Accountant + Hired Lauren Brady (Advancement Director) both doing great.
- Vision of Bishop for Catholic Schools and its impact on our parish. Bishop doesn't want another Catholic School to close so schools will "pool" resources and attempt to increase enrollment, pay the bills for all schools in the diocese.
- List of recent BAPTISMS so Sr. Michele can have school to send out letters to families.

### **5. Finance Council** (Fr. Szolack for Bob Law)

- Made 2015 House of Charity goal. Increased goal for 2016. "Pew Push" weekend of 2/6-2/7
- Infant Jesus Parish is "solvent" (getting enough income to pay debt)

### **6. Youth** (Tara Ingebritsen)

- Frassati Society Young Adult Group (20-39 yrs old - single & married) Started by Tara, Fr. Szolack, 3 ladies + Greg Coogan (Diocesan Rep/Support) for Prayer + Service + Community. Diocese invited (Star-Herald, Web-Page, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) Meeting are Tuesday Nights at SJV Church/Vianney Center. (Prayer, Adoration, Teaching) + some Saturdays (hiking, camping, pilgrimages)
- Planning to open up Youth Group to “younger youth” 4th & 5th graders. Need responsible, committed volunteers to help.

#### **7. RCIA (Fr. Mann & Dcn. Frank)**

- Very active year: (11+) Candidates, (4+) Sponsors & (16+)Team regularly attend weekly classes
- RCIA activity this year also generated several Baptisms, Convalidations, Pre-Cana classes, etc.
- Rite of Sending 2/14 10:00am at SMC, Woodbury Hts.
- Rite of Election 2/14 3:00pm at OLOH, Blackwood
- Planning to add “Ministry/Group Presentations” during Mystagogy

#### **8. Kings Men Update (Jim Janco)**

- Standard Meetings are 7am Saturday Mornings. (Rosary, Gospel Reading, Discussion)
- Adding Friday Night Meeting (8-9:30pm) on 2/5/16 (8 min Call to Action video on Servant Leadership).
- Kings Men will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday 2/19/16
- Planning to create a formal meeting format (looking at Faith/Bible Study options)

#### **9. Parish Marketing Update (Steve Graham)**

- Adding & updating new “stuff” weekly to website (Bulletins, Schedules, etc).
- Plan to add more video to website:
  - See “end of year 2015 video”; Altar Server Videos coming soon, idea: vocations interview(s), Deacon Bob interview etc.
- Like Us on Facebook (Infant Jesus Parish) creates interest and conversations
- Social Media will help inform & engage families (children go to SM School, but they don’t go to SM Church)
- Social Media will help the homebound, and ministry involvement (send e-blasts to Ministry members for event reminders, etc.)

#### **10. Spirituality Committee (Fr. Szolack for Patti Graham)**

- Planning Minor Pilgrimage (Recollection = Door of Faith) to Our Lady Of Mercy in Glassboro
- Planning Major Pilgrimage (St. John Paul II Shrine + Immaculate Conception Basilica + Franciscan Shrine)
- No Franciscan Missionary Players this year
- Soup & Scripture 6 Fridays of Lent (2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18) Theme = Works of Mercy

#### **11. Old Business/New Business**

- Schola Group (led by Sr. Michele) inquiring about doing weekly/monthly vespers (possibly before weekly Friday Reposition).
- Increase Confessions in this “Year of Mercy”? (Jim Janco) YES- Diocese will give direction on 24 hrs (1 day/yr) of Confession.

#### **12. Closing Prayer (Fr. Szolack)**