

Pastoral Council Meeting
February 27, 2014 - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Infant Jesus Parish Ministry Center

In Attendance: Steve Graham, Patti Graham, Frank Dunleavy, Sister Michele, Barry Hills, Jim Janco, Tammy Gatto, Fr. Joseph Szolack, Fr. James King, Jim Philbin, Colleen Phifer, Fr. Felipe Doldan

Opening Prayer - Fr. Szolack

Roll Call

Chairman's Comments (Fr. Szolack)

- Successful Food Drive - Theresa Bond-St Vincent DePaul - both parishes + school. Sent food to St. Joseph's House in Camden.
- House of Charity Drive is starting. Goal = \$132,600 (up 2% from Last year)
- Meeting w/Lighthouse Media Rep.- To offer CDs/books at both churches.
- Sr. Vilma's 25th Silver jubilee on 6/1/14. Celebration ideas?
- Parish Picture Book turned out nice. (DONE)
- Next Project: - Ministry Listing. A listing of ministries (on website, in brochures, bulletin, pictures, what they do, contact info, how to join, who to contact, etc.) We started this project a while ago with the ministry meeting. Sharon Sandone compiled a list of ministries - not complete but most up to date.
- Existing examples include: Christ our Light Church WELCOME PACKET - "branded" bag includes: most recent bulletin, welcome brochure, booklet, w/registration form, pen, magnet w/mass times, business card w/mass times, mug, candle.
- COMMENTS: suggested color 5 fold brochure, liked magnet idea, website.
- ACTION ITEMS:
- Solidify LIST (make sure list is up to date)
- New ministries? ex: people who just had a baby (Elizabeth Ministry)
- Delivery of LIST (website, bulletin, pulpit talks? Welcome Kit?)
- New parishioners vs. existing parishioners (different info?)
- Put it in bulletin vs. ushers giving it out after mass.
- Welcoming Committee?

School Report (Sr. Michele)

- Rolling registration - reregister in-school families - going well. Lots of inquiries from schools in the area
- Kindergarten and preschool is full/near-full. Couple of classes lighter than usual 3rd grade.
- Lots of inquiries from parents /registering / looking good for next year
- Starting the budgeting. Looking to bolster fundraising:
- 3/22=auction fundraiser - classroom prizes for auction. Theme = 50th year of school
- In May hoping to contact Sister Isabel (80 year old) principal who opened the school.
- Trying to contact all past students & get updated info. Facebook page.

Youth Update (Colleen Phifer)

- Couples Event - Lots of positive feedback: good food, beautiful event, prizes, very special
- Jess had a baby!

Spiritual Committee Update (Patti Graham)

- Small Faith Sharing Groups -winding down. Good feedback.
- Considering continuing after Lent with New Evangelization Series.
- Soup & Scripture (followed by Stations of the Cross) event during Lent -
- Soup & Scripture led by Clergy (moderating/leading/speaking) - Starts Friday after Ash Wednesday
- Stations Led by: - KOC (w/ spaghetti dinner)
- Religious Ed class
- Kings Men
- Alliance of 2 Hearts
- Youth Life

Spiritual Committee Update (continued)

- Also: One traditional stations not led by any ministry or group.
- Wednesday nights 7-8 in chapel will be adoration
- Theme 1 Peter 5-7 "cast your cares on him for he cares for you"
- Starting to plan for 40 hours = surrounding Corpus Christi in June.

Buildings and Grounds (Barry Hills)

- Oil cost at St. John Vianney Church is staggering - 26.6 gallons/day in a 30 day period.
- High probability that oil will go away and Gas will replace it.
- Light bulbs are all being changed in St. Margaret's Church.
- Rectory project will be next (offices/bathrooms) will start on this project once weather breaks.
- Roofs are always an ongoing issue.

Ministry Update (Jim Janco)

- Kingsmen Ministry - planning for fall festival - 9/19 is locked date. Friday night.
- Reserving parking lot & Gym (no rain date).
- Try to duplicate a lot of what was done last year:
- Community building, over 500 attended, open air, looking at different bands.
- Fundraising goal: 5-10K. Looking for input now. Sponsors, kits, marketing, etc.
- Touch base with Deacon Nick, Trish at Carnival, Fr. Szolack - Ecumenical Group, etc.

Book Club Update (Colleen Phifer)

- Finishing up 3rd book. (8 people)
- Not sure of 4th book yet.
- Idea for the church: Another way to reach out to parishioners = text messaging (remind 101)
- No personal phone numbers. 140 characters to send out reminders/info/events, etc.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing Prayer - Fr. King

Next Meeting: Thursday March 27th at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center