

Infant Jesus Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
March 13, 2014

Opening Prayer - Fr. Szolack

Roll Call

- In Attendance: Fr. Szolack, Patti Graham, Frank Dunleavy, Jim Janco, Tammy Gatto, Colleen Phifer, Jeff Heck, John Philbin

Fr. Szolack's Comments:

Building and Grounds Update (presented by Fr. Szolack)

- Rectory Project (SMC) includes:
 - Parking Lot (for more handicap accessible)
 - Remove 12 trees & reconfigure parking area/lines
 - Office re-configuration (for more privacy for Priests/meetings)
 - New door(s), camera-access by computer.
- Insulation Project (SJV)
 - Switching to Gas. High fuel bills at SJV - change furnace?
- Chapel Project (SMC)
 - Meeting w/artist Steve Kilpatrick for revised/more affordable Chapel/Church plans.
- Roof Project (SMC)
 - Hired Abe Brook to "check" roof about every 6 months roof

School Update (presented by Fr. Szolack)

- Security Project
 - Committee formed (includes police)
 - During Easter break installing glass wall(s)/door(s) w/bullet-proof material (staff will "buzz-in" visitors) + 15 strategically placed cameras
 - School budget & future planning considerations
 - School Expansion Project
 - Modular (rented/purchased) units- 6 class-rooms/2 baths (pre-school, art/music, math, counselor) See Greg Haines - coordinator
 - Auction - did well (\$65K)

Youth Ministry Update (none)

Finance Committee Update (presented by Jeff Heck)

- Nothing new

Book Club Update (presented by Colleen Phifer)

- Next book = "The First Call from Heaven" by Mitch Albom

Special Events Committee Update (presented by Tammy Gatto)

25th Jubilee Celebration in honor of Sr. Vilma

- Planners: Barry, Vicki, Fr. Szolack, Tammy, Mr. Haverty
- Sunday 6/1 after 10:00am Mass
- By invitation only – we expect 300+ people (lots of Sr. Vilma's family)
- Sunday May 11th (Mother's Day) Knights Breakfast for others to congratulate Sr. Vilma
- Food catered by Gia Nina's (meeting w/Pat)
- Invitations already printed. (female) Bracelets & (male) Key Chain gifts already done.
- No presentations. Phillipino Dancers. Photographer (see Steve, Phil DeBona...)
- KOC Involved: Manpower + Color Core (see Rich MacDonald, Barry & Fred Buehler)
- Bishop Sullivan invited

Spiritual Committee Update (presented by Patti Graham)

- No Meeting this week
- Discussion on "how to celebrate the upcoming 40 hours?"
- There is TALK:
 - People (in our parish) are feeling stirred to do something (vocations, youth, in general)
 - Our parish is on the "cusp" on the "verge" of something spiritual and powerful...
 - Pray for Holy Spirit's discernment

Ministries Update (presented by Jim Janco)

King's Men

- Formed about 2 years ago - meets Saturdays 7am.
- IDEA: Cross for Holy Week w/crown of thorns (gift to parishioners).
- Vocations
 - IDEA: Research shows 3 "keys to success" for increasing vocations:
(1) exposure to priests (2) adoration & prayer (3) engaging families.
What are we doing currently? Weekly vocation cross.
What are some other ideas?
 - More adoration time/days, more prayer & awareness (just mention it to families)
 - Fr. Romano - talks/discernment group
 - Sponsor a trip to St. Charles Seminary
 - Show movie "Fishers of Men"

Old Business / New Business (presented by Fr. Szolack)

Guidebook Publishing - free booklets, mailing, updated annually, 5yr contract.

- Includes: parish history, parish staff, ministries, optional-directory of parishioners?
- Also good packet for "welcoming committee" (see Denise Dietrich)
- Fr. George at Cherry Hill parish is doing this.

CONCERNS/QUESTIONS/ACTION-ITEMS:

- 5 year contract too long? What does Fr. George think?
- Do they provide info for parish website too?

Closing Prayer - Fr. Szolack