

Infant Jesus Parish - Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2013

Father Joseph Szolack - Pastor***
Father James King***
Father Felipe Dolan
Deacon Nicolas Danze***
Deacon Robert Kenney
Sr. Michele DeGregorio***

Steve Graham - Chairperson***
Patti Graham***
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Frank Dunleavy***
Tammy Gatto
Barry Hills
Tom Petri
Jim Janco***
Colleen Phifer
John Philban***
Jeff Heck

*** = attended 9/26 meeting (9)

Opening Prayer - Fr. Szolack

Fr. Szolack's Comments:

- Increased Giving Program (initiated by Bishop Sullivan)
 - o a mailing campaign of increased giving
 - o successes include: Our Lady of Guadalupe (30% increase); St. John of God in Collingswood
- Chapel Renovation
 - o Hired local artist: Steve Kilpatrick (who did St. John Vianney, Incarnation - good reputation)
 - o Will probably offer "memorializing" for loved ones
 - o Why? We spend more time in the chapel than in church, confessions, adoration, daily mass, etc.
- Parish Photo Directory Update (by Steve Graham)
 - o Sharon found typos - 2 proofs back - they missed things we marked - should be 95% done.
 - o Dissemination plan: pick up & check off tables at the back of the Masses a couple of weekends.
 - o 20% directories are given "free" for our use).
- St. Margaret School's 50th Anniversary (1963-2013) Ideas:
 - o Event w/Mass; set a date in MAY; Invite bishop; Bring back illumni. past sisters, collect pictures past and now; Do you remember (stories); Create a DVD for this event (and for Catholic Schools week)
 - o Link of school on parish website needed
 - o School Update
 - Gym still an issue. Mark Cipilone, engineer, looked at "beam" Robert Icovone (coach) and ??? will help "push it thru." Hoping for Late Oct or Early Nov "fix"
 - Lunch program did get off the ground (in gym)
- Deacon Bob is celebrating his 35th Anniversary as a Deacon
 - o He wants a simple event - (Oct 16th feast of St. Margaret) - mass @7pm Friday - + gathering w/cake and coffee.

- Advertise; Create a PDF and email it to all ministry leaders
- sisters can't be there - bishop house in cherry hill
- Parish Ministry Directory (different than Parish Photo Directory)
 - guy came to parish - left info - w/advertisements,
 - Can be mailed to all families, no cost to parish, cost picked up by business ads

School Fundraisers Update (Deacon Nick)

- **OctoberFest**
 - 10/19 (can still do it in gym) is really a "fun"raiser. Sold 100 tickets already (150-175 in past sold).
 - Goal = 200 tickets sold this year.
 - Ads in FaceBook, GloucesterCounty Times, Star Herald, etc.
 - Families get 50% towards fundraising goal
- **Football Mania**
- **Baseball Mania**
- **Certificates**
- **Carnival** - (much better this year than the past 2 years)
- **Race for Education** - moving this fundraiser to May
- **Gala Auction**
 - 3/22 - At Aulettos - has been a sold out event - only 35 tables. last year turned people away
 - This year's Goal = 100K Net.
 - Mailings go out mid October.
 - Popular - Teachers Table - 1st time last year - Movie outing or Guitar lessons or lunch @ Chick Fil-A, or Scrapbook & pool party, etc.(with a teacher)
- (Fr. Szolack) "Supporting the school = Supporting the parish". What you do impacts both.
- Revamped **PTA** structure and installed new PTA officers this year: President is Pat Janco, and Sec. is Ms. Philbin (no more Treasurer)
- **Open House** 11/10/13 from 11:00am -1:00pm
 - We have a healthy enrollment. Avg =55 students/class.

Fall Festival Recap (King's Men-Jim Janco)

- Thanks to the school for the day assembly. Video of Kids?
- Feedback all positive. Methodist group attended - wants advertizing to non-catholics next year. Bishop attended. Large interest @ ministry tables.
- 350 attended "on the ground." + 50 @ Bounce House + Ministry Tables = 400 total people!
- Perfect weather, "Wholesome event" (for a church to do) Networking, Suppoting, Sharing, Getting to know fellow Catholics in an unstructured environment they can call "home". People looking forward to next year's festival.
- This year sponsored by King's Men and made possible by an anonymous donor (please keep them in prayer)

- Hoping next year to have sponsorship to local businesses. Business were interested but funds already allocated (they must know a year in advance)
- Thanks to Kingsmen for pulling it all together so quickly and efficiently. A new group of men meeting for only 1.5 yrs - leaders, protectors, providers - trying to be holier - this FESTIVAL was the outlet. This is what can happen when people dedicate themselves to the Lord & Commit themselves thru sacrifice, prayer and fellowship.

Spiritual Committee Update (Patti Graham)

- Focus: Small Faith Sharing ready to launch 10/6.
 - This weekend 9/28-29 is prayer commitment weekend
 - Next weekend 10/5-10/6 will be commissioning of leaders
 - 13-14 groups w/leaders (10 new people) 80 books ordered
 - Made music CDs for leaders.
 - Lots of interest

Youth Ministry Update (emailed in From Jess Fahy)

- Kick-off the new year for the Youth Ministry is Sunday 9/29/2013.
- Hosting a "Mum" sale this weekend for YouthLife (\$5 each or 4 for \$15). Proceeds benefit their summer pilgrimage and other YouthLife trips.
- This year, more events will be at St. Margarets campus. Still leadership meetings at Deptford campus. (Attendance numbers higher at SMC)
- More young adults involved now to assist Jess (example: Jeff Hanson) who has worked hard to build this group.
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Building and Grounds Update (Fr. Szolack)

- Gym is main issue.
- Greg Haines (Building and Grounds for School) asked to also assist with Church Building and Grounds Committee

Old Business

- Presentation of "New Group" last meeting by 3 ladies thanked council for opportunity to speak and realize they needed more planning.
 - This did alert the council to a "hole in the parish" that the Holy Spirit wants us to fill and that we need to address regarding the elderly/shut-ins (visits, communion, help around the house - shopping, cooking, cleaning, etc.)
 - Similar to the last "New Group" presentation by Nick Moffa.
 - Youth Group wants to get involved, Some Daily Communicants are doing this work already "informally and privately"

New Business

- (Fr. King) Parish Ministry Directory (INTERNAL PROJECT)
 - o I'll start the "legwork." Descriptions for each ministry, send samples/copies to ministry leaders to accept/add/edit contact info and description info.
 - o Eventually IN PRINT (a trifold brochure, booklet) and DIGITAL (on website, Facebook, etc.)
- (Dcn Nick) Proposed having 6 meetings/year
- Please let Steve Graham know if you are coming to meetings or not.

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 24th at 7:00pm

Closing Prayer - Fr. Szolack