

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2013

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Larry Donnelly, Jack Yatsko, Betsy Brooks, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Mady Rivera, Lisa Zecca, Bill Prochownik, Cathy Hogenson, Patricia Dellar, Carolyn Smithburger, Rocky Ragano, Joe Tiralla, Chris Wallmark and Maureen Cassidy.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Berger at 7:00.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

Fr. Daly welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With corrections, the minutes of the November 20, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Larry Donnelly and seconded by Jack Yatsko.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for the sick: Jack and Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Mark Annee, Simon Posey, Frances Chaney, and those mentioned in the bulletin. Additional prayers were requested the deceased of the Parish: Nancy Wlodowski, Mary Katherine Willets (Grandmother of Marci Komacki), William Graves (Father of Sandra Cammarato), Thomas Blanco (Father of Maricarol Cloak) and Doug Smith.
2. Fr. Daly reported we are a little ahead on collections and budget so far. We have about half a million dollars in the bank for emergencies and projects.
3. Youth Retreat is this weekend. Confessions will be heard tomorrow. There are about 100 kids going on this retreat along with 20 adults.
4. Our Mission will be held the first week of February. Fr. Tom Landgrath will lead the Mission. It will start on Super Bowl Sunday at 4pm. Confessions will be heard the first week of February if possible.
5. The Cardinal will visit for Calvert and St. Mary's deaneries will be on March 5, 2013. Discussion will be about the Synod and local issues. Fr. Daly would like to talk about Catholic Charities and the contracting problem (needs to be reviewed in Washington as it is slowing things down). We will need to provide dinner for 35 people. Larry Donnelly will take the lead on catering the dinner.
6. Fr. Daly has selected ten films to show in the Faith on Film series. The schedule is: February – Greater Glory, March – Jesus the Christ (the Passion section), April – Of Gods and Men, May – Schindler's List, June – A Man for All Seasons, July – There Be Dragons, August – Life Is Beautiful, September – The Mission, October – Brother Sun Sister Moon, and November – Damien.
7. Year of Faith: Ralph Garner has printed cards on things we want to learn about our faith. They can be put in a prayer book or used as a reference.
8. Fr. Daly reported a Soft Wall will be installed in the Vianney Room to improve the acoustics, when approved. Hopefully before the Cardinal visits.
9. The steps for the side porch at church will be repaired when the contract is approved. We may need to replace the whole porch.
10. The Cardinal's Appeal is scheduled for February 3 but will be rescheduled for February 9 and 10. We reached 111% of our goal last year.
11. A bus is going to the Pro Life March on January 25. Plan on carpooling or taking the bus from Jesus the Divine Word. Our kids are going on our bus which is completely full.

12. Fr. Daly said that we will do something for the Hurricane Sandy victims. We will set up a committee of 2 to 3 people. One parish on Staten Island will be chosen and Fr. Daly and the committee will go up to look at the projects.
13. Fr. Daly reported the Mexico Committee decided to have a conference call with Fr. Santiago. They will discuss a way to revitalize or end the relationship. We want to have a project to work on. A group of four people will go down in June. We hope they will have a committee there that will mirror our committee here.
14. Fr. Daly and a group of parishioners will travel to Nicaragua February 9. 100+ houses and the Old Folks Home have been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Archdiocese will decide who we can hire for the cemetery expansion.
2. Fr. Daly will set a date for the Synod Listening Sessions. Al Perpuse was trying for February 10 but we are not sure that is firm. The sessions will be scheduled to take place in the church.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Betsy Books gave the Social Concerns report (copy attached). Joe and Mary Zaversnik will be retiring from Safe Nights at the end of the season. The job will be divided into four jobs – our own site coordinator, an intake person, an outreach coordinator and someone to do the paperwork
2. Fundraising forms. We presently have two authorization forms for fundraising activities. In an attempt to coordinate fundraising activities we are forming a committee. The committee will combine the two forms into one. The committee will also establish rules and will have sole approval of all requests. Outside groups will be limited to one fundraising activity per year if approved. Inside groups will be on an as needed basis if approved. The committee will meet via phone or email. Members of the committee are Al Perpuse, Carolyn Smithburger and Lisa Zecca.
3. We would like to reestablish our “Go Green” committee. We should put an emphasis on what we can do to save energy. We also should have some relationship with the ACLT and have input on the trail construction. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
4. Possible Church Projects.
 - a. Duke Jones to develop a mural for the chapel.
 - b. Possibly replace the windows in Casa Juan Diego
 - c. New light bar in church will make changing the lights easier.
 - d. Lights along the road and Vianney Lane.
 - e. Stained glass window in lobby. The Council decided not to replace the round glass window with stained glass.
 - f. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Pilgrimage to France will take place October 1 to 10. The cost will be \$2649.00 for double occupancy with an additional \$400.00 for single occupancy. It is being offered by Pilgrim Tours of Morgantown, Pennsylvania. We have 25 potential participants with a limit of 40. A \$300.00 deposit/ person is due June 14. All monies are due 90 days prior to departure on July 1. Trip insurance is 6% of the total cost o \$132-\$150. Either Fr. Daly or Fr. Aliatta will go.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

NEXT MEEETING WILL BE HELD February 19, 2013