

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2013

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Larry Donnelly, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Lisa Zecca, Cathy Hogenson, Rocky Ragano, Chris Wallmark, Eduardo Braham, Jack Yatsko, Bill Prochownik, Al Perpuse, Carolyn Smithburger and Joe Tiralla

Missing: Jolene Sullens, Betsy Brooks, Maureen Cassidy, and Mady Rivera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Al Perpuse at 7:10.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With one correction, the minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Rocky Ragano and seconded by Chris Wallmark.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for the sick: Jack and Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Frances Chaney, Larry Donnelly, Wally and Karen Landstreet, and those mentioned in the bulletin. Additional prayers were requested for the deceased of the Parish: Betty Davis (mother of Angie Rodriguez Jensen)
2. Fr. Daly has asked Jason and Jackie Williams to be the communications coordinators for the Young Adult Group.
3. Jonathan Lewis has been appointed by the Archdiocese to organize a Young Adults Group for all of Southern Maryland They are trying to have four groups: Young Married No Children; Young Married w/ Children; Singles in the Area and Singles Here Occasionally.
4. Jack McFadden got an estimate on the Soft Wall of \$19,000. Jack will look for other prices. Rocky Ragano asked if that included installation. He added that the Men's Club installed the Soft Walls in the Family Life Center. Fr. Daly said the price included installation and that he feels the installation in the Vianney Room is more complicated and he would rather have professionals do the installation.
5. Sidewalks on the Rectory side of Vianney Lane will be done by Bucky and Ronny. There were questions as to whether there would need to be a retaining wall along portions of the sidewalk and if Bucky and Ronny would do this work as well.
6. Work on the church porch repair will need bids. Jack Yatsko will contact contractors. Fr. Daly reminded Jack that we must use contractors approved by the Archdiocese. Jack Yatsko suggested raising the porch to even it out and pour a coating of concrete on top. He will look into this. The addition of a ramp is also being considered.
7. Fr. Daly was informed that the Church would not receive Transfer of Development Rights for the property the American Chestnut Land Trust might purchase so we will only receive the value of the land.
8. The Archdiocese approved the plan to sell land to the American Chestnut Land Trust. After we get a good survey we will get an appraisal of the property.
9. Bishop Gonzalez was here today to do an inspection. There were no issues.
10. Fr. Daly spoke with Jesus the Divine Word and Our Lady Star of the Sea about doing our own Work Camp to reduce travel expenses. It was agreed that it was a good idea. We would hold camp in 2014 here at St. John Vianney as it is centrally located. Musicians etc. would need to be hired. Rocky Ragano mentioned that we will need to have tools, supplies and storage for use in 2014. There may be one problem – we signed a contract with Catholic Heart Work Camp not to compete for five years. Jan Pedone has contacted them to see if we can proceed with our own camp.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Church Picnic will be August 4. Al Perpuse will not be able to attend. Larry Donnelly will get the meats. The Men's Club will do the cooking. Things that the kids love are the Moon Bounce and ponies. The youth Group will do face painting and the Drama Ministry may or may not do something. Fr. Daly has written a play about Roger Brooks Tawny the first Supreme Court Justice who was born here in Calvert County.
2. Joe and Trudy Mihalcik will coordinate the initial meeting of the Living Catholic On-line Education series.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fundraising Guide Lines – The Fundraising Approval Committee has questions as to how many fundraisers an organization can have. Dates when fundraisers will not be allowed (Holy Week, any other times?). Should outside groups be handled differently? Al Perpuse has looked into other Parishes' Guidelines. Fr. Daly suggested we limit the guidelines to one page and that a report from each organization about how much was raised at each event be published in the Sunday Bulletin.
2. 2014 Pastoral Council Members – Review of the Bylaws show we should have 12 members and we actually have 17 members. Five people should be elected per year. The bylaws should be amended to 15 members. We would eliminate specific representatives from the Men's Club, the Youth Group and the Ladies Club. Members would continue to be nominated by parishioners and selected by lot.
3. We will look for five new members this year. The bylaws will need to be reviewed and updated and should be distributed to all members of the Pastoral Council. We will vote on the updated bylaws in May.
4. Rocky Ragano made a suggestion that we increase the number of handicap parking spaces at the Family Life Center. Currently, there are only two (2) handicap spaces.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Safe Nights - Flo and Skip Ford have agreed to organize the week SJV will host Safe Nights this year. We still need others to take on the remaining tasks previously performed by Mary Ann and Joe Zaversnik.
2. Confirmation will be on May 3 and First Communion will be May 11.
3. Greenville Correction Center KAIROS will be on April 28th. Cookies will need to be made and delivered to the Parish Office on Monday, April 22.
4. Fr. Daly will be taking the altar servers on a trip to Gettysburg as a thank you for their service. Tentative date of June 17.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

NEXT MEEETING WILL BE HELD May 21, 2013

OPEN ITEMS

1. Planning for parish picnic (Al Perpuse)
2. Cemetery expansion (Father Daly) –contact was made with COA to begin process.
3. Future of second cottage (Father Daly) – Sister Miriam Thompson a possible candidate to use second cottage.
4. Church porch/trellis Project (Jack Yatsko) –
5. Sidewalks/lights on Vianney Lane (Jack Yatsko)
6. Relationship with sister parish in Hidalgo (Father Daly) – Discussed at September 2012, November 2012, and January 2013 meetings. A group of four people will go down to Mexico in June to discuss a way to revitalize or end the relationship.
7. Inviting people back to the church (Cathy Berger/Maricarol Cloak) – Will meet with Fr. Daly.
8. Hurricane Sandy project (Father Daly) – Discussed at November 2012 and January 2013 meetings.
9. Soft wall for Vianney Room (Jack McFadden) – Current estimate is \$19,000. Jack is investigating other bids.
10. Reestablish "Go Green" committee (Father Daly) – Discussed at January 2013 and February 2013 meetings.