

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2014**

**ATTENDEES**

Fr. Daly, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Linda Pixton, Michael Thomas, Jason Williams, Lynne Schulman, Dave Michalko, Barbara Fallin, Steve Kupka, Joe Garcia, Joe Tiralla and John Weigel.

Missing: Eduardo Braham, Daniel Scanlon, Kayla Gross, Bobbi Woollen and Mady Rivera

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jason Williams at 7:05.

**PRAYER OPENING**

Led by Fr, Daly

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by John Weigel; seconded Steve Kupka.

**OPEN ITEMS**

1. Remove Hurricane Sandy projects.
2. Nothing new on Go Green but we continue to do things with the environment in mind. We need to reestablish this committee.
3. Homily Review – nothing done yet possibly send out questionnaire in November.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for the deceased: Pat Yatsko and our Sick: Fr. Pete Alliata, Joe Mihalcik, Joan Miller, Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Noah Victoria, Jonathan Tucker, Marie LeBark, Arthur Thompson, Frances Chaney, Mary DeRight, Ruth Davis, Delores Morgan and those mentioned in the Bulletin.
2. Marie LeBark needs a ride to church.
3. Projects: Physical –
  - a. Church porch - Finance Council wants three bids for the repairs to the porch. Jack McFadden is charge of this project. We had one bid for \$100,000 excluding steel for the pergola.
  - b. Collumbarium - We have received approval from the Archdiocese for the columbarium wall. Construction will start soon. Each niche will cost \$2000. The remains of two people will fit in each niche.
  - c. Vianney Room – Sound system (\$6000) has been installed. Thank you to Scott Vogan and his crew who did the installation for free.
  - d. Food Pantry Sign – Sign is in the warehouse. We don't have the permit to install the sign yet.
  - e. Cemetery planting – The Boy Scouts have planted 30 holly trees along the property line. This was an Eagle Scout project of Robert Maurer.
  - f. Jenkins project – Project is moving along. County has issued a building permit. Built-Rite Homes was asked to construct a 20' x 20' addition. They broke ground last week. This will be a project of the Men's Club/Knights of Columbus.
  - g. Elderly Housing - Victory House has asked for topos and photos of possible sites for the elderly housing.
  - h. Suburban Propane – Fr. Daly, Rocky Ragano, Michael Thomas and Larry Donnally are hoping to go to New Jersey to visit the owners. They have already spoken over the phone to the owners. We need to move the Food Pantry to the Suburban Propane site and shift the God's Gifts store back to their original location. We have a retired priest who is interested in moving to the cottage now occupied by the store. Jack Yatsko is researching sites for Suburban Propane to pitch to the owners. Jason Williams suggested we know our audience before we do any presentations.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mass Times Survey – Hand outs were passed to all in attendance. Fr. Daly feels he can't combine the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses after all. Suggested time changes were 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 and 1PM. The present problem is that one mass bleeds into another. Our church seats 450. Baptisms can be at mass if requested otherwise they can be at 2PM on Sundays. Cathy Berger asked that the question as to the use of the nursery and when be added to the survey. There was discussion about limiting the number of verses to a hymn to shorten length of masses. The survey will be placed in the pews and on line. An explanatory letter will accompany the survey. John Weigel suggested we add that the Saturday evening mass time will stay the same. Jason Williams asked for volunteers for a committee. Joe Garcia and Barbara Fallin volunteered. The survey and letter will be ready by Thursday for Barbara and Joe to review.
2. Live Video Feed – Jason Williams will call to inquire about progress. Church of the Nativity in Towson does this. Steve Kupka suggested we visit so we are not reinventing the wheel.
3. Small Group Sign-ups – We may have to extend sign-up for hosts another week. Would like to start Small Groups January 4, 2015. Decided not to do *Rediscover Catholicism* book. Fr. Daly would like to use *Nine Words* instead. It is a much shorter book that could be done in six weeks. The idea is to get everyone doing one thing. Fr. Daly would like people to meet with people they don't already know.
4. Newcomers Dinner – Nothing new
5. Safe Nights – New coordinators are Sue and Clyde Bilick.
6. Solar Energy Update – Fr. Daly sent a letter to the Archdiocese for permission to install solar panels. The answer was no, nothing can go on the roofs of the buildings because it could blow off and cause damage or injury. Fr. Daly passed handouts to those present. Dave Michalko will coordinate this effort. We need a careful analysis from an independent agent. There were too many questions about the charts provide. Fr. Daly will get additional information from SMECO. Additional questions concerning maintenance costs, life of system and insurance factor were offered. Dave Michalko has been in contact with Felix Tang who will need architectural drawings, layout of the property, which buildings will be involved in order to make a presentation to the Pastoral Council on the energy needs. We also need to look at ways to finance this project other than through the solar company. Ultimately Fr. Daly would like to make a presentation to the Archdiocese in hopes they will agree to allow us to proceed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Hospitality Report – John Weigel distributed his report (see attached). Ushers are open to being greeters or assist with parking in the future. It was suggested we develop a welcome package. A Welcome Committee was formed with Joe Garcia, John Weigel and Cathy Berger volunteering to serve on the committee.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Fr. Daly passed a list of new groups – Hospital for Sinners. The groups include: Support group for Families of Addicts, Support group for families of mentally ill persons, Recovery group for addicts, and Emergency Room for spiritual healing (see attached). We will need to find space for these meetings. John Weigel asked if there was going to be any kind of training. He felt it was very important to have such training when working with these types of individuals. WE don't want to open ourselves to a liability situation. Fr. Daly said the groups would follow the NAMI model for family support.
2. Need for a Youth Minister – Fr. Daly is thinking about moving Jan Pedone. She would still work with the Confirmation Classes, young Adult Group and the Recovery group for addicts. We would hire someone to coordinate the K-8 CCD and child protection classes. We would take money for the salary out of savings. Dave Michalko asked if we could share this person with another church. Fr. Daly said it might be possible but would be better to have someone who knows the community. This item was tabled to the next meeting.
3. We will have two new groups meeting here in the church basement. Monday's meeting will be run by Katy Erly and is an anger management group. The second group will meet on Tuesdays and is an abuse intervention program. They will pay for the use of the rooms.

4. The Brownies presently meeting in the church basement on Tuesdays will move to the Family Life Center.
5. Fr. Daly put Jason Williams down as the coordinator for the Cardinal's Appeal.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned 9:25 PM

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD December 16, 2014**

#### **OPEN ITEMS**

**This year:**

Parish Picnic

Youth Minister