

Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2014

Present: Msgr. Pat Garrity, Larry Lehmann, Trish Varga, Larry Moran, David Campbell, Tom Perry, Andrew Cieslik, Michelle Johnson, Jeff Knox, Patty Murphy, Deacon Mike Gouge, Mary Hearnberger

Absent: Walt Hanson

- I. Opening prayer – Msgr. Garrity
- II. Minutes of previous meeting (Dec. 2, 2013) unanimously approved.
- III. Overview of latest financial statements (several handouts-balance sheet, statement of activity, school income statement, St. Vincent de Paul profit & loss, construction timeline, Mass attendance totals)
 - A. Preschool is growing – there was a piece about the addition in the news.
 - B. Msgr. would like maintenance reserves to be higher so we are better prepared for the unexpected.
 - C. School is running well, Bill Derbyshire is on top of things and John Bathe is a great cook and has really increased the food sales in the cafeteria by involving parents, etc.
 - D. Preschool wing completion date has been moved to February 2014 – waiting for state approval to install heating, then need guttering, outdoor lights and landscaping
 - E. Buying the new convent will ultimately save us half of what we have been paying to Sacred Heart Cathedral to house the Sisters.
 - F. Sr. Restituta will join us in July 2014. She will help with counseling, annulments, etc. We will be very blessed to have her.
 - G. Mass attendance has decreased slightly, but must be taken with a grain of salt (bad weather, day of week for Christmas, etc.). We have increased by 65 families since January 2013 (grown 30% in the last 4 years). We are the second largest parish in the Diocese (All Saints is first).
- IV. Update on building programs and progress
- V. Update on Convent
 - A. President of the HOA called to apologize for the reactions of some of the homeowners and alleviate the situation, so we will be able to move ahead and purchase the house and move the Sisters in when the current homeowner finds a smaller home he wants to move into (by January 2014).
 - B. We actually had another homeowner in the subdivision offer to sell her house to SJN when she eventually decides to move.
- VI. Update on Diocesan Capital Campaign and its impact on SJN
 - A. Capital Campaign to begin in fall 2014. Msgr. has sent a letter to the bishop asking that the each parish be able to keep 70% of what they bring in so that the parishes benefit as well as the Diocese. The exact percentage will be decided by the Campaign Committee.
- VII. Coverage during Msgr. Garrity's absence
 - A. Fr. Christopher will have all the weekend Masses for 4-5 weeks.
 - B. Jim Haley will have the children's 8:10 Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
 - C. Fr. Hoan Dinh and Fr. Joseph Hammond will split up the remaining weekday Masses.
 - D. Most of the administration involving Msgr. Garrity can be done over the phone when need be.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Administration (Larry Lehmann) – Should we go ahead with Columbarium Survey, will it interfere with the Campaign? Msgr. – will not interfere; Larry – we will go ahead with planning the survey, then marketing for columbarium (this will be no expense to the parish, only to those who will be using the columbarium).
 - B. Spirituality (Tom Perry) – Continuing to recruit new adorers (still need 4 hours covered). 40 Hours Adoration went well (aside from some interfering weather), and will plan to have it again next year. Living the Eucharist program planning is going well. Next event for Adoration is Corpus Christi Sunday (June 22). Plan to have May crowning activities again this year. We have 30-40 Eucharistic Ministers who are always ready to serve; will be setting up training soon; need to find out who is willing to continue serving on a regular basis.
 - C. Social Action (David Campbell) – No formal report.
 - D. Family & Parish Life (Trish Varga) – No formal report. Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Angela's reception for their vow renewal was a tremendous success (very large turnout), and both Sisters are so grateful for everything that has been done for him.
 - E. Youth & Young Adult (Andrew Cieslik) – Youth ministry is getting in involved many activities-Amanda Vernon in concert this past Sunday, retreat at SJN, Pump It Up Lock-In in Chattanooga's Hamilton Place mall, etc.

Msgr. Garrity: One thing that will effect religious education in the youth is that there is talk of restoring the order of sacraments to the Original Order (confirmation will be received at an earlier age); this is a decision to be made by the Bishop; we would like eventually try to merge religious education with the youth ministry to make both more appealing to the youth in the community. We will need to encourage youth to attend SEARCH retreats (SJN is hosting this year's retreat) since they will no longer be attending a Confirmation retreat at that age.
 - F. Communication (Walt Hanson absent, sent email) – Contact has been made with the Diocesan Capital Campaign office to set up links for parishioners to take online surveys requested by the Diocese.
 - G. Education/Faith Formation (Larry Moran had to leave early)
- IX. Old business – After months of debating whether or not we are zoned for a concession stand and a visit from us, Farragut finally gave us the go ahead. We are waiting for the pumps to be put in so we can use the new irrigation system.
- X. Closing prayer – Tom Perry with the Living the Eucharist prayer