

Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2015

Present: Msgr. Pat Garrity, Larry Lehmann, Trish Varga, David Campbell, Tom Perry, Michelle Johnson, Jeff Knox, Walt Hanson

Absent: Andrew Cieslik, Larry Moran

- I. Opening prayer – Msgr. Garrity
- II. Minutes of previous meeting (Sept. 3, 2015) unanimously approved.
- III. Update on building projects and progress.
 - A. Concession stand / storage building at ball fields is nearing completion.
 - B. This summer the sports fields will have dirt added to leveled off and extend fields.
 - C. This summer concrete paving will be done on walks with statues around church and the rosary garden to improve accessibility. Foundation pads to be poured for columbarium.
 - D. This summer the parking lots will be resealed and restriped.
 - E. This summer new guardian angel garden will be constructed by fire pit using the paver stones from the rosary garden.
 - F. New cap stone piece being made for bell tower to replace stone that fell – these are custom made pieces. All cap stones in bell tower have been inspected and are safe. Stones will be re-anchored to prevent another stone falling.
 - G. New statues for church to arrive within the week. Will be installed. Artist will be hire to paint niches.
- IV. Overview of latest financial statements (several handouts-balance sheet and debt analysis)
- V. Update on Diocesan Capital Campaign and its impact on SJN. (Handout with Home Campaign Income Analysis). Msgr. Garrity gave update on Home Campaign for SJN. Pledges about \$1.8M (about second goal level). Intention is to pay down debt and set aside money for building Parish Life Center. Are getting some contributions in Home Campaign – Debt Reduction envelope that are not from pledges. Overview of Home Campaign result will be presented later to parish.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Administration (Larry Lehmann) – No formal report.
 - Columbarium
 - Board in place.
 - Information meetings set and advertised in parish bulletin for June and July.
 - Construction data gotten and dimensions of columbarium verified. Concrete foundation pads to be poured this summer when new sidewalks done.
 - Will start selling niches this fall when school starts.
 - Money from sell of niches will pay for columbariums; will install first columbarium when about 20 niches sold. Portion of moneys from sales will go into perpetual care fund to reimburse SJN parish for cost of foundation pads and pay for care. Columbariums will be self-sufficient. Costs will not be a burden on SJN parish.
 - Memorial Plaque
 - Not sure what happened to any name plates made for Memorial from pledges to build new church. Seems plates were done but not delivered.
 - List put together and names verified. Have called some donors to see if they want name listed; some do, some don't. Getting new name plates made. Memorial Plaque is being made and will be installed when done.

- B. Family & Parish Life (Trish Varga) – No formal report. Planning for Fall Homecoming (October 4th) and Trunk-or-Treat (October 31st). Seeking help planning and running events. Notices will run in parish bulletin seeking ideas and help. Planning to include a Ministries Fair at Fall Homecoming Celebration. Ice Cream Social will be first weekend in August; planned and executed by Ladies Club. Coffee and donuts after Sunday morning mass will restart in the fall when religious education resumes.
 - C. Social Action (David Campbell) – No formal report. Update of latest activities including successful food drive by Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) for Ladies of Charity. Grocery Certificates are not selling all that well since Kroger pulled out; may stop selling certificates. Holy Ghost has started their own SVdP society. Should help with requests for SJN SVdP as many requests for help have come from Holy Ghost neighborhood. Magic Show was a huge success and SVdP received \$500 in donations. Nursing home visits to Summit View had fallen off (due to staff at Summit View being uninterested). Now getting requests from new staff members at Summit View to please resume visits. Prayer blankets for sick are a big hit. SVdP planning a seminar in the fall.
 - D. Communication (Walt Hanson) – (handout on Grace in Giving / Mission Sunday 2015). “Grace in Giving” proposed theme to encouraging parishioners to participate more fully in parish-sponsored activities. Suggestion was made that title be more specific “Grace in Giving of Self” so parishioners don’t think parish is asking for monetary donations. At Fall Homecoming event (Sunday, October 4) and Mission Sunday (October 18), we will advertising what opportunities the parish has for participation in ministries and encourage parishioners to be involved. Will advertise in parish bulletin and have tables set up with information and representatives from various parish ministries at Homecoming (10/4) and after all masses (10/17 and 10/18). Asking for testimonies from those currently involved in ministries; announcements will be made about opportunities following mass in October; and encouragements from priests in Homilies. Suggestion made that ministries provide information that helps people decide what is a good fit for them and their families – for example, “if you like to sew, you might like to make prayer blanket for SVdP; if you like to cook, you might like to help with bereavement luncheons.”
 - E. Spirituality (Tom Perry) – Update of latest activities including successful Devine Mercy Sunday and Corpus Christi celebrations. Impromptu public rosary in the Rosary Garden to end month of May and celebration of Mary. Continuing to recruit new adorers for Adoration Chapel. Things running smoothly.
 - F. Education/Faith Formation (Larry Moran absent) – Msgr. Garrity: One thing that will effect religious education for the youth is that there are plans for restoring the order of sacraments to the Original Order (confirmation will be received at an earlier age). Decision to be made by the Bishop on age this will be and should be announced in September. SJN would like to make a program change for high school students by merging religious education with the youth ministry to make both more appealing to the youth in the community. Want to move away from class room approach to a youth ministry – faith formation approach. Al Forsyth and Marilyn Derbyshire are working on a program.
 - G. Youth & Young Adult (Andrew Cieslik absent)
- VII. Old business – None.
 - VIII. New business – none.
 - IX. Closing prayer – Msgr. Garrity led prayer and gave a blessing.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Johnson