

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2014

Place: Parish Activities Center

Fr. Colarusso	P	Dino Cuscuna	P	Joanne Fitzpatrick	-	Carmen O'Rourke	P
Deacon Sumner	P	Jim Dudley	P	Roc O'Connell	P	Freddy Santosuosso	P
John Barrette	P	Rosemarie DeLacy	P	Judy Doherty	P	Vanessa Santosuosso	P

P = Present at meeting

The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM with an opening prayer by Carmen O'Rourke.

1. Meeting minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved as written.
2. Parishioner Comments: None
3. Pastor Update
 - Catholic Appeal: Parish has achieved 94% of quota. 65 families that donated last year have not yet given. Parish receives 60% rebate for any amount over quota. If number of families that donate increases by 30 over previous year, rebate increases to 66%.
 - No Baptism at Easter as previously announced due to a family commitment.
 - Finances:
 - Budget under stress from extra cold winter, even with 10% increase in fuel oil budget.
 - Appeal for additional capital donation would not be sustainable. Will focus on increasing weekly offertory.
 - Driveway will be repaved and steps repaired. Curb cuts will be made now while permits are in force for future circular driveway.
 - Fr. Patrick Armano has been assigned part time here and at St. Paul's Parish, Cambridge.

4. Other Business

- Ministries:
 - Deacon Neil handed out list of current ministries and contacts.
 - Parish Photographer: Current photographer informed Dino that she was retiring after 20 years. Contact Dino if you know of anyone that might be interested.
- Parish Life Assessment (led by Rosemarie)
 - Rosemarie handed out examples of survey, assessment tool and draft project plan.
 - Group discussion on purpose of assessment:
 - Parish needs; what we do well; opportunities for improvement; to identify gaps in ministries that are needed and could be easily implemented (identify homebound parishioners, "moms and tots" group, evangelization outreach); to build community; Religious Education gaps and make it more fulfilling; look at "blind spots".
 - Vanessa will create a draft survey on Survey Monkey.
 - Survey will be supplemented with Focus Group sessions. Dino, Carmen and Jim volunteered to facilitate sessions.

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- PPC Slate: Roc is eligible for another term and has agreed to serve. Executive session - Election committee discussed potential PPC members for the other 2 open slots. They will be contacted to determine their interest in serving. Presentation of Slate is scheduled for June.
- Volunteer Appreciation dinner (June 28): Vanessa and Carmen will lead planning.

5. Closing Prayer – Fr. Colarusso

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: June 26, 2014 in the PAC 7:30-9:00 PM preceded by Adoration at 7:00 PM
Opening prayer: Jim Dudley

Respectively submitted, Dino F. Cuscuna