

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2014

Place: Parish Activities Center

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

P = Present at meeting

The meeting commenced at 7:40 PM with an opening prayer by Jim Dudley.

1. Meeting minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved as written. Note: There was no meeting in May.
2. Parishioner Comments: None
3. Pastor Update
 - Wine Tasting was a success and a very nice first shot. Donations covered expenses and \$6000 was the net profit for the event. 60 tickets were sold. Proceeds will be used to offset some of the costs of the Volunteer Appreciation dinner (postponed until Fall 2014 or more likely Winter 2015).
 - Finances:
 - Bids for parking lot work total \$102,000
 - Curb cuts, which required Town approvals, would add \$80,000 so we are short \$25,000 to cover this work.
 - A letter will be sent to parishioners with outstanding pledge payments and an additional request will be made to major donors.
 - A request for a one-time donation will be sent to "Religious Ed" families to cover a safer driveway.
 - The Finance Council will meet in July to discuss budget options for driveway project as well as to discuss how to sustain parish finances long term.
 - In the Fall, the weekly offertory will be addressed with respect to predicable finances (annual pledges have been shown to be the most effective method of ensuring ongoing financial support).
 - Stressor on finances:
 - Some savings provided by personnel efficiencies have been offset by higher personnel costs.
 - Colder than normal winter resulted in higher fuel expenditures. This was compounded by weekend snowstorms and associated lower offertory.
 - Our Cardinal Appeal donations exceeded goal, so we'll be receiving a rebate. The archdiocese also granted a "tax break" to the parish.
 - Fr. Armano and Deacon Matt will be reviewing Outreach ministries.

4. Parish Life Assessment / Parish Survey

- Vanessa had previously sent out a draft of the survey for feedback. Only a few members have provided comments. ACTION ITEMS: Dino to resend survey draft to all members. Members to reply-to-all with comments.

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5. Officer nominations and selection has been postponed to the September meeting when new members will be present.

6. **Closing Prayer – Fr. Colarusso**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: September 4, 2014 in the PAC 7:30-9:00 PM
Opening prayer: TBD

Respectively submitted, Dino F. Cuscuna