

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 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	-	Freddy Santosuosso	P
John Barrette	-	Jack O'Brien	P	Judy Doherty	P	Vanessa Santosuosso	P
Fr. Armano	-	Lisa Tavoletti	P	Rosemarie DeLacy	-		

P = Present at meeting

The meeting commenced at 7:36 PM with an opening prayer by Fr. Colarusso.

1. Meeting minutes from the June meeting were unanimously approved as written. Note: No meetings were scheduled for July and August.
2. Members:
The Council expressed its gratitude to outgoing vice-chair and longtime member, Rosemarie, for her many years of service on the PPC. Roc was welcomed back for another 3 year term, joining new members Lisa and Jack.
3. Parishioner Comments:
 - Parishioner expressed concern that Confirmation Religious Education curriculum is “watered-down”. Response: The curriculum is actually being revamped. After a yearlong review, with St. Agnes, of various programs, the Religious Education team has selected One Eight Confirmation, a Lifeteen curriculum. The hope is that the youth are confirmed and then continue to practice their religion. Fr. would also like to see a drop-in center for teens implemented.
 - A parishioner “misses the devotional life of the parish”. Response: Adoration is held weekly each Thursday. Other activities, such as Stations of the Cross, are held and see low attendance.
4. PPC members selected officers for 2014/15:
 - Vice-chair: Dino Cuscuna
 - Secretary: Jim Dudley
5. Pastor Update
 - Parking lot
 - Anticipated to be completed by September 9. Trees were also trimmed. Sidewalk to make area safer added major expense, but a parish-wide appeal for funds will not be made. The overall project resulted in a safer driveway by increases the width of the parking area and redirecting traffic flow away from the PAC.
 - Finances
 - “Major donors” have mostly offset any unpaid Capital Campaign pledges with additional donations (estimating \$20,000 to \$40,000).
 - A letter was sent to Religious Education families who haven't made pledges to consider a one-time donation of \$200/family. \$500 has been received to date as a result of this request.
 - We are not running a deficit this year, but reserves are low so any major repairs would have to be deferred.
 - PFC will be discussing methods to transition from Capital Campaign to increased weekly offertory.
 - Ministry Fair will be held the weekend of Oct 4 &5 in the church hall. Fr. Colarusso will include request for volunteers in a homily prior to the fair.
 - Judy will talk to PFC chair to get a financial report.

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6. Parish Life Assessment / Parish Survey
 - Vanessa will send out latest draft of the survey for review at the October 23rd PPC meeting.
 - Volunteer appreciation dinner will be postponed until results of survey are reviewed

7. Meeting schedule for 2014/15
 - PPC: 1st Thursday of the month
 - PFC: 3rd Thursday of the month

8. New Business: Christmas Faire update by Joanne
 - Kickoff meeting held
 - All chair people are in place
 - Sign-up Genie will be used for volunteers
 - New raffles this year.

9. Closing Prayer – Fr. Colarusso

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: October 23, 2014 in the PAC 7:30-9:00 PM
Opening prayer: Carmen

Respectively submitted, Dino F. Cuscuna