

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2013
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Suzanne Pacheco, Rey Blancarte, Johnny Martinez, Walt Graner, and Hai Nguyen (Seminarian)

Prayer: Second Vatican Council Opening Prayer

Pastoral Council Norms

- Final version of norms submitted by Geoff.
- Motion by Walt to accept; seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Commission Positions/Elections and Appointments

- Geoff will continue as chair, Dot as secretary
- Commission positions:
 - Worship – Dot
 - Faith Formation – Johnny
 - Finances, Stewardship and Ministry – Rey and Suzanne
 - Grounds - Walt
- Fr. Ed emphasized that these positions are for liaison purposes, to facilitate communication between various parish groups and Parish Pastoral Council.

Gala Impressions/Feedback/Results

- Fun event, great food.
- Fell short of anticipated financial goal due to expenses (venue, catering, DJ, alcohol, table rentals) and lower ticket sales.
- Mardi Gras and Fall Festival combined brought in \$14,000, well short of \$30,000 goal.
- Lots of hard work, disappointing results.
- May need to rethink how to cut expenses with future fundraising events.
 - Possibly move Mardi Gras to church property?

Mission Statement

- Available on website and in parish directory.
- Need to see to it that all organizations in parish are aware of it , and are working to implement it.
- May need to summarize and condense elements – more likely to be read.
- Maybe pass out, in some form, at Easter?
- Maybe make signs/banners to display in narthex and REC.
- Proposed diagram to show how each branch of parish service contributes to help other branches.
- Ongoing consideration for future meetings.

Bereavement Committee

- Presently Women's Ministry provides food for reception after funeral.
- Fr. Ed would like to see follow-up for families some time after funeral: phone calls? Visits?
- Will entertain suggestions re: people who might want to serve in this capacity.

Holy Week/Triduum

- Planning session to be held Saturday March 16 from 9 AM to 12 PM in REC.

Youth Ministry/Faith Formation

- Ministry to junior and senior high students needs to be priority.
- Fr. Ed would like to hire full-time youth ministry director.
 - Need to come up with job description for position.
 - Motion made by Walt to investigate criteria for youth ministry director; seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - Fr. Ed to meet with Johnny to discuss further.

Next Meeting

- Scheduled for April 4 at 6:30 in REC Conference Room.
- Topics for discussion:
 - Mission Statement.
 - Youth ministry director.
 - Signs to promote church events.
 - Money-raising ideas.

Closing Prayer:

- Offered by Fr. Ed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM..

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte