

Pastoral Council

Jan. 14

Present: Susan C., Damien, Sean, Deborah, Linda F., Luis, Dan T., Paula, Jim M.

## **I. Progress on Assessment Questions**

Hope to get this up and running by the end of the month.

Rate us according to essential elements  
Open-ended questions  
How parishioners like to get info.

Include demographic questions. Make an effort to get a representative sample of the parish.

Email parishioners w link to site where complete assessment. GET EMAIL LIST.  
Link in bulletin too.  
Pulpit announcements.

What to do with information?  
Inform the agenda/work of pastoral council.  
Questions to address at a Town Hall.

Do some phone follow-up possibly to "truth test"?

## **II. Pastor's Report – Fr. Bernie**

Paulist Appeal went over goal. We should see a return after Sept 30 – 20% of whatever has come in, and then quarterly payments after that. We had decided to be used for:

- student leadership programming
- the poor

Over 5 yrs, estimate is \$160,000 + \$15,000.

Parish Finances in a bit of a dither. Revenues not as expected. As of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, \$91,000 in the hole. Expenses pretty much as budgeted & budgeted a \$50k shortfall (to be covered by savings). Revenues off. Plate collection is good – exceeded maybe. By close, deficit may be more like \$75-80k.

Decision made that we need to hire a second campus minister. Begun search process. National search. Cost in neighborhood of \$60,000.

## **III. Hospitality Ministry**

Is this a ministry of the Pastoral Council? Seed a hospitality committee with a few members of the Council?

Therese – Hospitality Table.

Do we want to have it staffed at every Mass?

When people sign up, every [period] put names of everyone who joins and then have a reception.

Goodie bag delivered to home of all new members.

We need a way to catch new people. Little cards in pews? If you're new and going to be here for a while, put in collection and we'll get back to you w/i the week.

Welcoming/Greeting at Door.

Vestibule is where coffee & donuts happens.

Should be a Hospitality portion at all parish events.

Bonds of loyalty that Catholic parishes used to be able to count on are slipping away. Personal choice is replacing that – a critical element is invitation: How would you like to help/be involved?

Think about what we can invite people to do/be engaged in.

How are we going to connect people/with what?

“We invite you to turn off your cell phones and quietly greet your neighbor.”

Build community before we worship together. Quite noisy before Mass.

Who are the core members of the Council who'd like to seed a Hospitality Committee: Deb & Devanie & Luis.

How can we be more hospitable?

Announce baptisms & and other special events?

Trying to put together a hospitality team – announce at Mass.

Start out with a brainstorming evening.

Meeting after each of the Masses.

Talent scouting.

Different parish groups nominate someone for the Hospitality Comm.

#### **IV. Next Meeting**

Colleen and Frances coming to Feb. meeting.

What they do?

How can we contribute?

Begin planning the Transition to next Council.