

Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish
Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 16, 2012, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Opening prayer: Joan (via skype from India)
Present: Joan Allekotte, Joe Burns, Fr. Campbell, Brian Carlton, John Cipriano, Michael Dalton, Michael King, Rosemary Loughman, J.C. Orton, Grace Shannon, Chris Varela.

Minutes of the Dec.12, 2011 meeting were approved.

Old business:

- Bulletin design:
 - Luke Lavin has been hired to do the bulletin re-design
 - He will start at the end of January
- New web administrator: Tere Gallarreta
 - Joe noted that the calendar on the website needs to be updated.
- Appeal letter:
 - Hundreds of letters were sent out.
 - There have been 3 responses.
 - There have been a few returned letters with bad addresses for the parents of some students
 - Brian said that he did a similar campaign when he was at Washington State University. They got a small response to the letters, but they made \$25K when they did follow-up phone calls.
- Connecting with parish ministries/activities:
 - One model is for the council to divide the groups amongst ourselves and contact the groups by phone/email and find out:
 - What they're doing (what's going well, points of struggle) and what we as a parish council can do to support them or learn from them
 - Michael Dalton offered to draft an email that asked this information.
 - Michael King suggested that we might especially want to look at groups that are doing well and see if there are lessons to be learned

New business:

- Restorative Justice:
 - Thursday, February 9 from 7-9 PM
 - 3 experts on Restorative Justice
 - Fr. Campbell asked about publicity?
 - Fliers have been published
 - Pulpit announcement
 - Bulletin announcement
 - Joe asked Chris and Brian to publicize the night with the students

- Fr. Campbell suggested sending the information to John Watkins so that he can pass the information along in the weekly diocesan social justice email.

Student Updates

- School starts tomorrow.
- There's a mini "Welcome Week" this week for the Spring Semester
- Upcoming events
 - A talk on chastity and purity at a parish in Orinda
 - The first Student Dinner is on Sunday
 - Spring Orientation event is January 29
 - Instead of having representatives of all of the groups, they will probably just provide information about the parish's different groups
 - The Walk for Life is this weekend. (Jan. 21)

Pastor's Updates

- Busy person's retreat starts Jan. 23. There were 62-63 spots available. All spots are full, with a waiting list.
 - Fr. Campbell is meeting with the two organizers of the event to solidify logistics.
- Luke Timothy Johnson wasn't able to come to speak this spring, but he will be available to talk in the fall. (Date TBD)
 - Fr. Campbell suggested that the council look up his books
- Spring series: Jean Paz Molesky, George Greiner (What three things do you think are indispensable to be handed on from one generation of Catholics to another), and the president of Holy Names College, perhaps one of the Yaggies. (All of them might address the question: Will our faith have children?)
- Fr. Campbell talked a little bit about his experience with the new translation of the Mass.
 - How do we enable the conversation about the new translation?
 - Do we "live with" the new translation for 6 months and then start talking?
- Rosemary asked whether we could have a parish library with the National Catholic Reporter, Commonwealth, etc. Fr. Campbell thought that it wouldn't be feasible. He suggested:
 - The Tablet (the Catholic newspaper in England)
 - A blog from Notre Dame
- Adjourned at 8:55 pm.
- Next meeting: Monday, February 13. Grace will lead the prayer next month.