

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

December 9, 2015

Attendance: Rosemary Berube, Ken Conti, Bob Dorion, Cheryl Follien, Fr. Marc, Kathy Garon, Sal Gioe, Belinda Hamel, Rick Leather, Deacon Bill, Nick Sarbanis

Unable to attend: Deb Fitzgerald, Dan Hebert, Chris Hurni

Staff: Paula Smith was present

- Novembers meeting canceled due to holiday

Opening prayer: Fr. Marc

Everyone welcomed to the meeting which began at 7:50 pm

Reviewed the mission statements and accepted the first revised statement, out of the three submitted. Fr. Marc called for a vote of acceptance with Ken seconding. The vote was unanimous. Bi-Laws were also voted in unanimously.

Remainder of the meeting was devoted to looking at two future issues:

- First issue was to how to handle coffee after Masses (8:00am & 9:30 am) as the attendance has reduced over time. Several options were discussed to draw families in, such as monthly breakfast as well as using the equipment that is present to improve the quality of the coffee. Parking was also discussed as the Masses are close to one another. The use of the school parking lot was brought up as a solution to augment the church parking spaces.
- Second issue was to change to location of the food bank for both efficiency and dignity of those coming for food. One suggestion was to build additional garages that would be specifically for the food bank. This might allow those who come to have a chance to shop for their food rather than have people prepackage the food. Another solution was to petition the town for the old police station. It is unclear whether the school has requested the property.

Both issues need further discussion before any action can be taken.

Thank you Fr. Marc, for your hospitality and great food!

Meeting ended with a prayer from Deacon Bill at 8:42pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 13th.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cheryl Follien

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