

St. Patrick's Pastoral Council Meeting

February 25, 2014

Members Present:

Donna Brandel	Edward Sadler	Patty Scott
Janet Gallagher	Aloysius Okorie	
Keith Moore	Wendy Nassour	
Luisa Lerma	Ruben Carlin	

Members Not Present:

Deacon Gumie Gonzalez	Fr. Jim Deaconson
Hank Thoresz	

Opening prayer led by Wendy

Updates

1. Building/Maintenance: Keith reported doors and patricians are fixed. They will have a yearly check up. Weather stripping on all the doors needs to be replaced. This building is on stage 9 where it requires monthly monies to be used for general maintenance. Tony reported the Finance Council has money set aside for the upkeep. Keith reported he could use some more help on the building committee. He will speak to Fr. Jim about it. He would like to do an announcement at church.
2. Finance council report- Tony- Spoke about the presentation he will be doing for the Bishop and restructuring debt and the budget. He would like to propose to be a standalone church. Financial status and growth of congregation stalled initially and then is now able to sustain a building expense independently with a positive cash flow. Fundraising increased the church's income, increased in tithing and increase in interest payment are reasons for this. St. Patrick's continues not to pay for property insurance and Fr. Jim's salary have not been St. Pat's responsibility. Fr. Jim needs to approve it and then they will meet with the bishop.
3. Meet your PC council members- talked about some interests and what are some significant details about ourselves.
4. Ethics and Integrity- Everyone needs to be certified by April 1, 2014. Patty is head of the EIM committee. You need to have a refresher if you already did the initial course any longer than 3 years earlier. You must have had an initial background check and completed the initial application online through the Diocese.
5. VBS- Erica/Thelma- A supply list was handed out. Fr. Jim would like a cost for each child. The supplies are sufficient for this year.
6. Saints and Sinners- numbers have surpassed last years by enrollment and by dollars for sponsorship. Partnering with community to work with and provide some monetary funding with them. This year's funding partner is the Sandbox at Madeline's Place. They want to have a indoor volleyball court. They will help with marketing and staffing the event. 35-40 members

attended meeting. Shirts will get printed soon. They still need \$1800 sponsor. Need committee positions to be filled. The date for the run will be the first Saturday in May. May 3, 2014.

7. Marketing- How can we council the pastor? Feedback from the parish, suggestion box, suggested to do in the meetings or if urgent can speak with him personally; different committee members represent different aspects of the church. Ruben will take charge of making the suggestion box. Fr. Jim expects the council to speak up and participate in discussions. Counseling can be feedback from the parish or personal counseling as to how he is doing as a leader and what he can improve on. He would like council members to be straightforward. He wants this council to be a council of action, to figure out how to get things done. The agenda could reflect the positive things that have been accomplished and the items that we need to work on.
 - How do we make ourselves known to the parish? Make announcements. Name and face recognition. Be greeters before or after mass. Welcome newcomers. Sitting in different seats in mass. Once a month, speak about pastoral council. Go to Hospitality Sunday talk to others. Restart newcomers dinner. One a quarter, have a social bingo game.

Old Business – Car Raffle- there was a lack of communication during that time and Patty was nominated as a co-chair and didn't know it. All issues were resolved and Patty was responsible for that committee.

-New officers will be appointed in April.

-Alan Aimes will be here March 25, 2014 to talk about spiritual healing.

Closing Prayer -Ruben

Next meeting will be April 1, 2014. Fr. Jim would like all to attend the Healing mass on March 25th, penance and to hear Alan Aimes speak after mass.