

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Tom Collart and opened with all saying the Parish Council Prayer. The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved as written having previously been e-mailed to all members. The names of the 12 members present are listed at the end of the minutes.

PASTOR'S UPDATE – Tom Collart reported on behalf of Father Clarence that (i) fish dinner preparations are going well; (ii) there has been no further contact with Verizon relative to erecting a cell tower on church property; and (iii) the net profit realized from the 2013 bazaar was \$28,300 versus \$23,000 in 2012.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – Peter Newman, Finance Committee Chair, noted that parish Net Ordinary Income for the first half of our fiscal year was \$52,179, more than \$20,000 ahead of budget and that for the same period regular collections are up \$23,000 whereas parish expenses were within budget. Peter also reported that the parish funds in the Diocese Investment Fund were earning satisfactory returns, namely 1.0% on the \$404,500 in the Short Term Fund and 7.2% on the \$108,000 in the Balanced Fund. In view of these returns, the Finance Committee is recommending that the money in the Gurka Trust be moved from Citizens Bank to the Diocese Investment Fund. Lastly, Peter advised that the parish paid \$12,085 for a replacement snowplow truck.

PARISH MINISTRIES

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - Don Bergen presented a detailed report on the many Human Development activities and events that have transpired over the past several months including the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Christmas Giving Tree, the Visitation Ministry meeting, the Chicken BBQ, the Lusubilo Project and the Home for the Terminally Ill, all of which are set forth in more detail in Don's written report attached to these minutes. With respect to the Hope for Haiti project, Tom reported on his recent trip to that country along with 15 Broome Community College students. Parish collected funds were used to meaningfully assist the people of a village in Haiti by purchasing and providing 75 water filtration units for families dealing with an unsafe water supply.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - Tom reported that the HNS had a successful Casino Night netting \$2700 and that it is setting up a service to provide transportation to parishioners in need of rides to and from a weekend Mass.

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY - Tom referred to a sheet distributed to members (copy attached) listing the activities of these two ministries and made particular note that the creation of a Faith Formation Board is still under consideration and that there is a continuing need for new catechists.

ADORATION CHAPEL - This issue was put on the agenda for discussion because in the past several months there has been a large number of open hours especially during the midnight to 6 a.m. period. To the suggestion that the chapel be closed between those hours, Todd Trencansky, Chapel Chairperson, responded that he would like to continue having the chapel open 24/7 and that he will make a concerted effort to find additional adorers including putting notices in the weekly bulletins of neighboring parishes.

PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS - Tom reported that the most recent activity relative to the Pastoral Care Area program was the publication via a February 9, 2011 parish bulletin insert (copy attached) which explained the origin, purpose and goals of the PCA. He noted that our parish efforts and input have been completed and that we are now awaiting guidance and direction from the diocese.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS - Tom referred to the Council membership list distributed to the members and noted that the terms of only the youth members expire in May 2014 and that he will ask for candidates via a bulletin notice. Although all officers have indicated a willingness to serve for another year, Nick Smedira stated that has been secretary for fifteen years and that it was perhaps time to have someone else take the minutes.

MISSION STATEMENT - Tom stated that he would like to have the wording of our parish mission statement finalized. Rick Cargill and Bill Didas volunteered to work on this and report back to the Council.

PPC COMMUNICATIONS - Tom noted that a summary of the responses and comments to the recent parish in-church survey will soon be published in the bulletin. Also to be provided to parishioners is an updated PPC overview and survey/questionnaire similar to the one distributed in an October 2012 bulletin.

DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - Tom briefly referred to a survey received by several parishioners from the diocese in which input was being sought relative to the advisability of conducting a \$45 million/5 year diocesan-wide capital campaign. The absence of an enthusiastic response from the members is noted.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Smedira, Secretary

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ATTENDANCE

Greg Marx

Claire Rodgers

Lorraine Allore

Todd Trencansky

Jean Jackson

Donald Bergin – Human Development

Hope Hannon

Jackie Newman

Peter Newman

Rick Cargill

Bill Didas

Tom Collart

Nick Smedira

Nick James