

Parish Council Meeting January 16, 2017 – Churh Basement

Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Fred Silva, Sharon Hamlin, Matthew Zoller, Claudia Alcantara, Joe Woodhead, Deacon Axel
Absent: Deacon Jim, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta, Tony Terracciano, Tita Gontang, Rose Marie Hart

Pastor Update: Representatives of the diocese are meeting with members of the Master Planning and the Capital Campaign committees to discuss the building project. Deborah Fols from the Diocesan Development office met with committee members on January 4 and Msgr. Steve Hurley and Joe Corsini will visit on Jan 26th.

The Usher and Greeter ministry is doing well, recruiting both men and women.

The previous Hospitality Committee was disbanded last year due to age of the volunteers and also the age of the folks who were supplying food for receptions, funerals, and other events. Father Clement is now re-establishing a team to maintain and set up the hall for events but these events must be catered by the parties using the parish hall.

The parish hall is in dire need of a thorough cleaning. Claudia Alcantara recommended using the confirmation students who need service hours to help. Matthew Zoller will talk with Michele Thomas. Joe Woodhead offered to supervise these students.

Old Business:

The first Capital Campaign Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18. This committee is made up of Jean Edwards, Maria Heyssel, Jean Wesselhoff, Min Zamberlan, Elizabeth Villanueva, Edith Villasenor and Louise Gay and they are charged to develop and manage the fund raising for the new building. They are developing strategies to get the parish fully informed and on board. The next Calendar Committee (probably in Feb or March) will be an ideal time to start that informational process with the parishioners as well as firm up the Ministry presentations for the rest of 2017.

The bookcases for the parish library have been installed in the reception area of the church basement. These were donated by Annette and Fred Silva. Any donations of books or videos can be dropped off in the parish office. Jean will post an announcement in the bulletin about donating books.

The painting of the Blessed Mother by Fr. George in the parish hall has been completed by a local artist, a relative of one of our parishioners.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Social Concerns: Barbara Reed and Tony Terracciano contacted the Legion of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul, and Our Lady's Tears ministries and will be attending one of their meetings within the next several weeks as representatives of the Parish Council.

Nominating Committee: Fred Silva volunteered to join Matthew Zoller and Tita Gontang to form this Committee for the upcoming nomination and election of new Council members. Fred Silva and Rose Marie Hart have both indicated they will each run for another three-year term. The Committee was encouraged to find another 4 individuals for nomination so that the parish can select 3 out of 6. Jean will be sending the Committee the process that has been used over the last several years. (It is also laid out in the By-Laws.)

In relation to this, the Parish Council will be making presentations at all Masses the second weekend in March for the purpose of encouraging nominations.

Outreach Committee: Fred Silva reported the 133 new parishioners have joined Our Lady of Lourdes in the past two years.

The meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m. following a prayer by Fr. Paul.

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, February 20.