

Parish Council Meeting, February 20, 2017 – Church Basement

Present: Fr. Clement, Deacon Jim, Deacon Axel, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Fred Silva, Matthew Zoller, Claudia Alcantara, Tita Gontang, Joe Woodhead, Tony Terracciano

Absent: Sharon Hamlin, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta, Rose Marie Hart, Fr. Paul

Tita opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes for January 16, 2017 approved as submitted.

Pastor Update: Parish Hall kitchen will be kept locked because items have been taken and not returned. Also, whoever uses the kitchen will be responsible for cleaning and locking it after they are finished. Nancy and Andy Weis are now overseeing the PH.

Master Planning/Capital Campaign: Feedback on the building project for a new Parish Office/Rectorry has been positive. Educating the parishioners about the project will continue through regular additions to the Sunday bulletin and a major presentation to the parishioners at all Masses on the weekend of Mar 11/12. A social will follow in the PH. Following that, Q & As will appear in the bulletin every week and a letter will be sent to ALL parishioners in late March with a status report on the campaign... informational only. The actual fund-raising will probably not start until September. We have asked the Diocesan Development Director to conduct a feasibility study – or ‘affordability study’ – which will be used to get a sense of what funds we think we, as a parish, will be able to raise.

Jean Edwards reported that tri-folds of Our Lady of Lourdes’ History with pictures from 1949 to 2017 are being produced for the weekend. The Campaign is also collecting memorabilia; they are looking for a copy of the video about the early parish which was shown during our last Capital Campaign in 2009 -2012.

Parish Council Presentation: At weekend masses on March 3 and 4, a Parish Council member will address the parishioners regarding Council elections. Fred, Tita, Barbara, Matthew and Claudia volunteered to do the presentations. Jean will draft and disseminate the script. Nominations will be sought weekend of Apr 1 and 2 and voting will occur the first weekend in May.

Stations of the Cross: Following the fish dinner each Friday during lent, the Stations of the Cross are being led by the Ministries. The Parish Council has been assigned March 31st. Rose Marie and Joe will coordinate this and arrange for volunteers to conduct the service; a final process will be sent out to those who are participating.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Deacon Axel led the Council in a closing prayer.