

Parish Council Meeting November 21, 2016

Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Fred Silva, Rose Marie Hart, Sharon Hamblin, Matthew Zoller, Tita Gontang, Claudia Alcantara, Tony Terracciano, Joe Woodhead

Absent: Deacon Jim, Deacon Axel, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta

Minutes for October 17, 2016 were approved as submitted and September 26th minutes were approved with a spelling correction of last names Steve and Judy SCHWARTZ.

Pastor Update: There was an Ushers/Greeters meeting on Wednesday October 19, attended by 20 people. Bill Brooks, Bob Gay and Sharon Hamblin have agreed to co-chair this re-organized Ministry. There will be a training meeting on Sunday, November 27. The importance of being appropriately dressed will be discussed, in addition to wearing nametags.

The Choir will begin singing regularly at one Sunday mass each week. The present schedule is the 8:30 a.m. mass. Jean will add an announcement of this in the bulletin.

Master Planning: The square footage has been adjusted to save on the cost of the building and the new plan, following diocesan guidelines, has been approved by the Master Planning Committee. These plans have been submitted to the diocese and OLOL has been given permission to proceed with fundraising for the project.

Fr. Clement has established the following Capital Campaign Committee (CCC): Jean Edwards, Jeanne Wesselhoff, Maria Heyssel, Min Zamberlan, Edith Villanueva, Edith Villasenor and Louise Gay.

A Master Planning Committee member will make a presentation all at Masses on the final plan which will serve as a kickoff for the campaign; date to be determined.

Old Business: Jean presented a report to the Parish Council on the September and October 2016 Chicken BBQs. The net profit was a little over \$3,000, better than in previous years. About 100 parishioners joined in the work to help make these barbeques successful parish events.

CCD: Parish Council members will present Christmas gifts to the classes on Sunday, December 11. These packages will contain a small rosary, a Pope Francis holy card and a candy cane. The following volunteered to participate: Barbara, Jean, Tita, Sharon, Rose Marie, Fred, Tony, Joe; Lynn and Matthew, as teachers, will give the gifts to their students.

Parish Library: Fred Silva has donated bookcases to be installed in the church basement reception area until the new library is completed in the church addition. A call to the

parishioners for donations of Catholic books and reading materials will be made after the installation of the bookcases early in the new year via the bulletin. There is a parishioner who has offered to be the librarian to organize this new resource for the parishioners.

Parish Hall: We have located a local artist, Heather Hearn, who will complete Fr. George's painting of the Blessed Mother in December.

Liturgy Committee: Sharon Hamblin reported that we follow the guidelines of the diocese in planning masses for Advent and Christmas Masses.

Immaculate Conception: 7:30 pm on the 7th and 9 am and 7:30 mass (bilingual) on the 8th.

Christmas Vigil mass will be at 11 p.m. with the choir singing at 10:30; Masses on Christmas day will be 7, 8:30, 11:00 and 1:00 (Spanish Mass).

Eucharistic Ministers: Two new Eucharistic ministers will be commissioned on Sunday, December 17 at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Youth Ministry: Matthew Zoller reported the Youth Mass was very well attended with the youth taking part in all aspects of the liturgy. The youth were highly complimented on the fine job that they did.

Altar Servers: Three altar servers for each mass is going very well.

Miscellaneous:

Baby Bottle Campaign for Sussex Pregnancy Center: The response was very good, although there was some confusion about a safe place to leave filled bottles.

The Crèche: Fred Silva and Joe Woodhead offered to oversee the setting up of the crèche in front of the church on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. Jean will put an announcement in the bulletin to ask for volunteers to help with this as well as raking up leaves around the church property.

Next Meeting: In lieu of a meeting there will be a Parish Council Christmas Party at Jean Edwards' home at 6:00 pm on December 19. Jean, Sharon and Rose Marie are hosting this.

Closing Prayer: Claudia Alcantara led the Council in a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Reed, Secretary