

Parish Council Meeting May 16, 2016

Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Deacon Jim, Deacon Axel, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Rob Donati, Tita Gontang, Rose Marie Hart, Fred Silva, Joe Woodhead, Kathy Giannone, Jennifer Martinez, Tony Terracciano, Claudia Alcantara

Absent: Sharon Hamlin, Matthew Zoller

Opening Prayer: Debbie Depta

Minutes for April18 meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Elections: Jean Edwards announced the results of the PC Elections. Tony Terracciano and Matthew Zoller are the two new members elected and Barbara Reed was re-elected for another term.

Pastor Update: The diocese has given Our Lady of Lourdes permission to proceed with planning improvements to the parish offices and living quarters for the priests. Father Clement has reactivated the Master Planning Committee with several additions. He has appointed Fred Silva to be the liaison between the parish council and the master planning committee. The members of the Master Planning Committee are:

Master Planner	Greg Morano
Legal	Michael McGroerty
Architectural	Charlie O'Donnell
Logistics/City Hall	Leann Philips-Lowe
Finance	Louise Gay, Stephen Schwartz
Contractor	Judy Schwartz
Diocesan rep	Joe Santos
Legislative	Frank Calio
PC Liaison	Fred Silva

Father explained that the diocese has a special format for proceeding with plans. All plans must be submitted for diocesan committee approval. A needs assessment was conducted which identified a number of things which the Council felt the MPC should consider:

Living space for the priests and occasional guests near church.

Office space for office manager, Knights, SVDP, DRE, conference room.

Elevator to link church and new facility.

Heating/cooling of church, church basement.

Fellowship area.

Ramps for handicapped, protected from weather.

Chapel to seat 50/60 people (so that heating church only when in use).

Grotto to be integrated into plans, perhaps a courtyard.

Library/media room.

Cry room for young infants and children.

Other issues were raised including fundraising, tear down of old structure, interim facility, renovations, sale of Foxtail property. All in attendance felt this was a very productive discussion, to be followed up at future meetings.

Elections of Officers: The Council then unanimously elected Jean Edwards and Barbara Reed to continue their positions as Executive Officer and Secretary respectively.

Upcoming Events:

June 26 Hispanic/English Celebration Pot Luck Dinner

Upcoming Meetings:

June 20: New Council members' orientation to be conducted by Barbara Reed

July meeting: TBD

August: Strategic Planning for Parish for 2016/2017

Deacon Axel said the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Reed

Secretary