

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2013

Present: Greg Cardone, Jan Duckro, Mary and Clarence Ledford, Melody Lee, Leona Peszka, Liz Rosenberger, Karla Trumbull, Rachelle Webb, Mitzi Fedrico, Tony Mazzella.

Absent: Father Anthony, Libby Even, Guy Lemakos, Kim Pacyzndski

The Council took the agenda list and discussed each of the programs and services. The following is an overview of the discussions, we look forward to next year and some changes to help the spiritual growth of the Parish.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Fish Fry's

Great after the first week. Suggest we change the times to 5 until 7 pm for the working folks.

Mission

Overall, everyone liked Father and the mission. Had he been able to speak at the Masses the week end before, the attendance would have been better. Better music during the reconciliation service – more reflective.

Stations of the Cross

Maximum number of people from a ministry should be 7. Each person does 2 stations. Please see if we can record the song!!

People of the Passion

Beautiful service. Offering child care would be a big boost to attendance. This does need to be on another night than Good Friday.

Friday Night Reflections

We did fall short here this year. Maybe a reflection every Friday in lent is too much. There needs to be more publicity on whatever we do have next year.

Easter Breakfast

Well attended but slow service. Suggest just coffee and donuts next year.

Easter Egg Hunt

We have done well on no chocolate BUT we need to stress no unwrapped candy. There was too much loose candy this year. It is hard to find candy that fits in the eggs that is wrapped.....

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Each Ministry must stress the need for proper dress for all services from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday

Beautiful Mass. Many new people visiting.

Holy Thursday

There were no Eucharistic Ministers assigned to this Mass. Why? We need men to help set up the parish center for the evening – pipe and drape. Note in the bulletin next year for help. The candlelight procession from church to the chapel of repose was truly beautiful.

Again, the dress of some people involved in this Mass was very unsettling and unacceptable.

Good Friday

3 pm service was well attended. Because of POP, there wasn't a 7pm service and a few comments were received about not having it in the evening. This is one of the reasons why we feel the People of the Passion would be better attended on a different Friday evening.

Easter Vigil

There was lower attendance this year. No one seems to know why other than it is a very long service. Some who attended felt there was confusion on the part of the RCIA leaders. Maybe another practice is needed.

Easter Sunday Masses

The only Mass we can comment on would be the 9:30 – the Easter Bunny created a chaotic dismissal and there were NO BUTTERFLIES!!!

Suggestions for next year:

Each ministry involved needs a meeting before Holy Week with training for anyone participating. This includes: lectors, em's altar servers, ushers and hospitality.

Some discussion about changing the start times for the Sunday masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday was held. We used to do this years ago and it did help the flow for those two Sundays. Masses would be 8am, 10am and 12Noon.

We need a way to identify the ushers at the Masses, maybe a sash like SVDP. Hard to know who is the usher in an emergency.

We feel some of these suggestions would help the parish. This meeting was a sincere effort to find ways to improve our service to the Sacred Heart congregation both those who attend every week and our occasional visitors.

Father is requesting a party for Father Tobin before he leaves for his medical needs. Date to be determined.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, May 6th.