

Parish Council Meeting 9/9/13

Present: Father Anthony, Father Scott, Leona, Karla, Rachelle, Liz, Melody, Clarence and Mary, Libby, Mitzi, Jan

Absent: Greg and Guy

PICNIC DISCUSSION

Saturday, November 9th 5pm – 9 pm

Members of St Ann's Parish will be with us that week end and we want to welcome them with a big welcome sign. They will be staying in the retreat house.

Preliminary discussions began:

More fire pits

Lights in the food tent

Add luminaries to the walkway to the parking lot

"Save the date" announcements will start in the bulletin

Music was too loud last year – can we move them?

Add white wine

Plans will be finalized at our next meeting.

NOVENA – ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

Begins – Friday, October 4th Concludes – Sunday, October 13th

Ministries are being asked to sponsor a light pot luck dinner on one of the nights we are having a talk. After our meeting, Kim contacted me and asked if Parish Council would pick a night and I chose for us Tuesday, October 8th for the Council members. If each of us brings a dish to serve 10-12 people, we should have enough food. The church will provide drinks and paper products.

Please let me know by October 1st if you are able to help with a dish.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

We discussed the need for Parish Council members to be the eyes and ears of the Parish. Many people don't know who we are. We will have pictures in a future

bulletin. It might be beneficial to have a week end where several members are in the Narthex after each Mass to meet and greet our fellow parishioners.

We will be getting name tags that say "Parish Council" to further identify us at the picnic and other events.

CHURCH VISITS

We discussed the most positive and most negative part of each visit.

Holy Family - Leona

Negative - Holy water font in front of church very distracting.

Holy Cross - Rachelle

Negative - No greeters, interior cold. Positive – website is good

St Raphael - Libby

Negative – No welcome, interior cold. Positive – contemporary choir, Priest did his homily in front.

St John Vianney – Clarence and Mary

Negative – overall condition of building and parking lot – bad. They seem stuck in the past – EM's wear robes and sit in front. Ushers wear white dinner jackets.

St Paul – Mitzi

Negative – couldn't understand Father Viet and Eucharistic Ministers unorganized. Positive – Monsignor greets everyone before Mass.

St Catherine of Sienna – Jan

Negative – none. This is a very new church and is beautiful. Positive – they have the traveling chalice to pray for vocations.

Thank you all for these observations and taking time to visit the parishes. We will review the last six at our next meeting. They are: Blessed Sacrament, St Mary, St Patrick, St Matthew, Blessed Trinity and Transfiguration.

MISCELLANEOUS

We discussed Family Life and Youth Ministry briefly. Will visit these again soon to see how we are doing. Father announced the start of a week day Mass at 6pm. This will begin on Monday, September 16th.

We will be scheduling a Ministry Fair in the Spring, 2014. Health Fair is currently being planned for February 23rd.

Our next meeting will be October 28th in the Retreat House. A date for the October meeting was a bit tricky what with the festival and novena, so we are combining the October and November meetings. Please mark your calendars. This will be our final meeting before the picnic, we need to complete all plans at this meeting.....