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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Present: Father Anthony, Carlos Hernandez, Mary & Clarence Ledford, Melody Lee, Karla Trumbull, Loren Davy, Mitzi Federico, Leona Peszka, Jan Duckro

Absent: Boyd Barncord, Rachelle Webb

Most of the meeting was spent discussing Lent and Holy Week. We also welcomed our newest member – Carlos Hernandez representing our Hispanic Parishioners.

LENT

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Parish Mission – it was well attended and feedback was positive. Father Scott presented an excellent mission program that left us uplifted going into Holy Week and Easter. Thank you, Father Anthony and Father Scott.

Weekly Stations – better than last year with different ministries presenting. Men's Schola group was a wonderful addition.

Fish Fry – no update on how they did this year compared to previous years.

HOLY WEEK

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South Denmark Girls Choir - Concert was good and attendance was great. This kind of program is well received in the parish during Lent.

Holy Thursday Mass - Beautiful Mass and everything went well. The twelve men for the washing of the feet, presented some questions for Father Anthony. The twelve men represented the twelve apostles. Jan pointed out we need more men involved in the everyday workings of our church and this was a great way to bring some of them front and center.

Good Friday – 3pm services went well – some felt the cross was too high for people to kiss – it swayed a number of times making some of us nervous.

Living Stations presented by the Youth Group – attendance was low but they did an excellent presentation. Leona questioned whether people just don't want to come back out on Friday evening. She suggested starting at 6pm rather than 7pm. She said the same thing happened when we changed People of the Passion to Good Friday last year – attendance dropped.

Holy Saturday – Vigil Mass. Father said it was a beautiful Mass. We continue to have many new members being baptized, confirmed and brought in to the church at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday - changing the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses start time seems to help with before and after Mass congestion. However, folks were confused because the website did not list the time change and it would also help to notify everyone of not offering the precious blood on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt – there was a shortage of eggs this year – too many adults on the field – rules for the hunt need to be announced at Mass – animals were a big hit but they need to have a tent over them because of the sun and heat – donuts should be served instead of help yourself!! – need a sound system.

WEBSITE

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Father asked Leona to meet with him and start working on the website to get it up to date.

LITURGICAL MEETINGS

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Father is finished with his meetings for now. He feels they have helped to get everyone back in a good place.

SPANISH MASS

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Currently there are approximately 100 attending Saturday's 6 pm Mass. The Hispanic community at Sacred Heart is growing and has been well received. We are becoming a unified parish with the Filipinos, Hispanics, Vietnamese, and Anglos. We all have much to contribute to our spiritual home.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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The second session will begin on Monday, April 20th. So far we have taken 147 family pictures and hope to do at least another 75 to 80 more in the five days coming up.

Locations for the sessions are presenting some problems. Next time we do this, the Parish Center must be available everyday, shuffling locations has presented some problems this time.....

CHILDREN MASS ATTENDANCE

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This very delicate issue seems to come up at many of our meetings. There are many disruptive children at several of the Masses and their parents don't seem to do anything about them. It is disturbing to the priest and other parishioners. There doesn't seem to be a clear solution to handling them and there are people leaving the parish because they can not hear the Mass. The cry room is often used by more adults than families with young children. Carlos suggested leaving the cry room in the same layout they use for the 9:30 mass, that is more like a nursery school than pews in church. Hopefully this would discourage the adults using it.

CRHP NEWS

Next CRHP women's week end will be June 6th & 7th, please keep the team and potential candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this spiritual encounter with our brother, Jesus and fellow parishioners.

CRHP dinner and Mass will be Saturday, May 9th after the 4 pm Mass. It will be a covered dish dinner.