

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Advisory Council (PAC)
Thursday September 8, 2016

In attendance: Fr. Tom, Mark Overberg (Chairperson), Jennie Albers (Secretary), Greg Bengzon, Marylou Bergeron, Jim Nash, Tom Reilly, Frank Bowen (Vice Chairperson), Cheryl Wilson, Cindy Conroy, Danny Rucker. Absent: Patty Navarro, Terry McNulty

Welcome, Opening Prayer - Fr. Tom

Professional development: Danny Rucker, Director of Facilities

Mr. Rucker explained that the Church is 31 years old and parts of the school and parish hall are 23, 40, and 50 years old. The parish hosted almost 3,000 events last year, including meetings, events, Masses, etc. Regular use led to over 1,300 work order repairs. The buildings are well-maintained, but are beginning to show their age and will need some major renovations in the coming years, including replacing the sidewalk in front of church, the gym and church roofs, and renovating the interior of the church. Money is set aside monthly for future repairs, and the monthly collection for the parish facility fund helps with current expenses, but a capital campaign may be needed in the future.

Updates on previous business

Develop parish web page content: David Bristow is now renovating the parish website to look more like the school website, and hopes to unveil it in the next month, including a new PAC webpage with members' photos and bios.

Emails to the PAC email box: 5 recent messages with feedback including: music critiques, a request for laminated cards for new music responses, a daycare request, a request to light votive candles in the church vestibule, and requiring cars to exit the lot via Franciscan Way.

PAC bulletin content: The initial list of subjects to communicate with the parish has been compiled; columns in the bulletin should start in October.

Purchasing a Parish App: The Parish Staff is evaluating two new alternatives to disseminate news and information to the parish. A decision is expected by fall.

The PAC's bulletin board in the church vestibule: New content is due to be posted in September.

The PAC Trifold: This informational brochure about the PAC is now posted in the church vestibule.

New business

PAC Table at the Parish Barbecue: Explained the plan to educate the parish about the PAC during the Parish Barbecue.

FORMED: 80 parishioners have created accounts at FORMED.org -- a website that explains the Catholic faith. The diocese endorses the site and pays half of the parish's subscription fee. Need to publicize as a method of adult faith formation free to parishioners who use the parish's code to create an account.

Pancake Breakfast: Father Tom plans to celebrate the end the Year of Mercy with pancake breakfast in the parish hall (free will giving at the door will be appreciated). The breakfast will be on October 23, 2016 after 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:30 Masses.

New Ciboria: The parish is refurbishing its worn ciboria and will purchase three new tall ciboria for the Presentation of the Gifts during Masses.

Farewell to Jennie Albers, the PAC secretary for 10 years! Our new secretary will be Tisha Hilliard, a staff member who is also the recording secretary of the Finance Committee.

Projected October agenda items

Communion under both species at Mass. The use fund raising initiatives, including Faith Direct, in the parish. Setting the PAC's yearly goals.

Closing Prayer