

PAC Meeting April 19, 2018

Present: Fr. Tom, Mark Overberg, Greg Bengzon, Marylou Bergeron, Elizabeth Vargas, Terry McNulty, Steve Anderson, Cheryl Wilson, Tom Reilly, Jeanne Nappier

Not Present: Cindi Conroy & Frank Bowen

New Agenda Items

BLA -- The parish achieved 111% of its fundraising goal with 20% of the parish's registered members' participating.

YMCA – Summer camps at St. Joseph will start right after SJS school year ends.

Census of Masses for Lenten Season – Fr. Tom is looking at cancelling the 12:15 p.m. Mass during Lent next year because only about 20 people attend.

Permanent Baptism Font – Danny Rucker and Fr. Tom met with an architect to design a permanent baptismal font to be placed in the back of the church, which will require 4 – 6 pews in one section to be removed.

Other items – The Spanish community will provide information to create a Spanish Apostolate tab on the parish website. The Baby Bottle drive for HOPE raised \$17,000. May 20th is the pancake breakfast – The Knights of Columbus and the Youth Group will help run it. This is the last year that the Herndon Festival will be in downtown Herndon. The change will eliminate the Youth Group's fundraiser that helped festival goers park in the parish parking lot. The Parish BBQ is Sept. 8th; please mark your calendars; many volunteers will be needed. The recent Polka Mass was a great hit and was lots of fun. The parish received wonderful press coverage from the *Catholic Herald*.

Continuing Agenda Items

PAC Membership – Applications for new members are due by June 30. The bulletin announcements will continue weekly through the end of June.

Communion Under 2 Species – The pilot will start on May 5th at the 5:00 Saturday Mass. One member suggested reminding parishioners how to take Communion under 2 species and EMs how to properly distribute it. Elizabeth Vargas said 26 EMs from the Spanish Community can help as well.

Parking Lot Lighting – The lights have been ordered and should be put up in June.

PAC Member Calls – Information for 30 new parishioners was distributed to six PAC members, so they can call and welcome the parishioners to the parish.

Property Purchase – The sale of the Price House to the parish is final.

Physical Security of the Grounds – The school's security is good, but there was a suggestion to install bullet proof glass at the front desk and require pushing a button to come into the building. That's not really inviting but would be safer than what we have now. Police will be coming to look at the campus to make suggestions to keep us safer. Three ushers attended Diocesan security training. The Police would still like to see barriers in front of the church to prevent access for a car or truck with dangerous materials to drive up to or into the church.

School Leadership -- Father Tom heard that the listening sessions about the change in school leadership were very good with 80% positive feedback. The Search Committee will have its first meeting next week and start the hiring process.

PAC Emails – Received an email that a parishioner would not like barriers in front of the church, and would like to convert the Pine House to a Senior Asst. Living facility – there are no Catholic run assisted living places in the area.