

In Attendance: Fr. Danny Murphy, Sr. Valeria Belanger, Geri-Anne O'Beirne, Sandy Maskell, Regina Ryan, Gregory Smith, Patricia Alberto, Cyndi Ramirez, Kathleen Griffin-Kluger, Gilliann Winn

Meeting began with a prayer,

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sandy began by reporting and reflecting on a Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting she attended with Cyndi Ramirez on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She indicated 4 key roles that she found would be extremely relevant to our group and indicated a new direction for our meetings going forward. We were challenged to focus on 4 key roles:

1. Listening and responding to the Holy Spirit and always be guided by the Holy Spirit.
2. Help organize the community and parish life;
  - a. Reflecting on 3 things:
    - i. Our blessings
    - ii. Our challenges
    - iii. Our vision

Our groups will use the above three points to guide our meetings.

3. Problem Solving – Active participation and reflection
4. Vision of the Parish
  - a. To create and maintain a vibrant catholic community, with thoughtful, reflective discussions, and;
  - b. How we as council members can help build and support this community. This would involve prayer and discernment.

We were also challenged to use our Parish Plan to guide our meetings by;

- a. Reading the plan in thoughtful prayer
- b. Pair up, take a section of the plan, reflect, discern, and share where you feel the plan is leading us.

## **REPORTS**

### **Pastor's Report**

#### **Blessings –**

- We continue to have a very vibrant and fiscally sound parish, this would be reflected in the Financial report that would be presented to the parish the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Challenges –**

As a vibrant and fiscally sound as our parish is, it would seem that our schools are more spiritual than our parish. We are not doing enough spiritually;

- No Parish retreat
- No Parish Mission for Advent or Lent

#### **Vision –**

Members of the Parish Council were challenged to also be involved in greeting new parishioners as they enter the church each weekend. A picture of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on the Parish Website so parishioners know who they are and if there are any questions, concerns or great ideas, they are free to approach members of the PPC.

Fr. Murphy also reminded us that the changes to the Mass are on the Parish website. New Missals will be in the pews and will have the prayers and changes to the Mass are on the parish website. We were also challenged to pray for the

church as she embarks on the use of these new prayers and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us during this time of change.

### **Elementary School**

- Mrs. Lorenzen was ill and could not attend the meeting. There was no report from the Elementary School.

### **High School**

#### **Blessings –**

- 2 Open houses in October, they were two of the best ever experienced at the school. All component parts came together to create a very high energy event. The Faculty/Administration, Parents and Students worked to make this a very exciting Open House and the feedback from many who attended was very positive.
- Professional Day on Halloween (October 31<sup>st</sup>) was also an exceptional time for the faculty and administration.
- Technology Day saw many new ideas being brought to the table and it was an opportunity to really help those who are not as tech savvy learn new and innovative ways to do many different things.

#### **Vision –**

- Career Day is coming up; it is a time when many of our Alum return to tell us their accomplishments. It is a great motivator for our students.
- Cultural Harmony Day (day before Thanksgiving)
  - Inter-denominational Prayer
  - Diversification continues to be an over-riding mission of the school, and we see everyday how we continue to be a very diversified slice of Brooklyn.
  - Food from many different countries.

## Youth/Family Ministry

### **Blessings –**

Halloween celebration included 238 children. The bad weather actually worked in our favor since many outdoor activities were cancelled for the day. We were actually able to incorporate prayer and show the children the spiritual end/roots of the celebration. We also had a young families event on Saturday and the parishioners were invited on Sunday.

### **Vision –**

We plan to keep making inroads with teenagers and creating a sense of community for the teens/young adults.

- Christmas Tree sale for Boy Scouts
  - 3 Sundays in December with Free delivery
- January 21<sup>st</sup> 60's dance, live band to reach families that feel there isn't enough for them to do as adults.
- Directory with the option of a family picture is in the works. It begins the w/e of November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and continues on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>.
- Golf outing date to be determined toward the end of Spring 2012 in Dyker Heights.

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Adjourned at: 8:15 pm

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