

## SAINT AGNES CHURCH – 4/8/14 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**In attendance:** Jim DiNardo, Beth Ferraro, Bob Finnegan, Jane Fiore, Joe Gesmundo, Steve Goldner, Marie Lucey, Joanne Metzger, Paul Millett, Father Steve Rock  
Guest Attendees: Jerry Fiore, Mary Soucy

**Not in attendance:** Mark Blaisdell, Dick Howard, Father Ed Malone, Deacon Bill Reidy, Jenny Taladua

1. Opening Prayer Joanne Metzger
2. PPC Elections Joanne Metzger/ Paul Millett
  - More discussion about picking names out of hat – Joanne M. discovered sortition (i.e. selection) is actually an old practice
  - Nominations due 5/4; weekend 5/31-6/1
3. Facilities Update Father Steve
  - Parish Center Update
    - Father Steve shared building permit!
    - Phase 1 work to commence immediately
    - Board approved \$500,000 bridge loan from Archdiocese to do some of the additional work since sale of school building is pending
  - Lower School Building
    - P&S signed by Archdioceses
    - Johnson Woods plans to develop 20-22 housing units
    - 4 months for due diligence – first step is for developer to address neighbors
    - Total parking spaces won't be impacted; will modify parking lot behind church as part of deal
4. Worker in the Vineyard/Rebuilt Father Steve
  - Father Steve invited parishioners who attended session to share takeaways
  - Jerry F., Marie L., Joanne M., Mary S.
    - 3 components to effect change: music, ministry, message
    - Process took time to implement

- World-class expert – for your parish
- Vision versus neediness that will make people move/do
- Message begins in parking lot
- Lower barriers that people have to connecting with Church
- Can reach/serve existing AND new parishioners
- Consistent message from homily to website to bulletin
- Competing with modern-day, life-is-good (e.g. pool on Sunday story)
- Father Steve feels like it's time to "fish or cut bait" – time to strategize and focus
- Discussion re. religious ed. competing to get kids and parents involved
- Jerry F. – "base case" approach
  - What do we do? Then...Why do we do them?
  - Matrix what vs. why, with values of each listed
  - Then evaluate and make decisions
  - Communicate (e.g. webpage, bulletin notices)
  - Periodic surveys – what's working, not working?
- More discussion re. effecting change in today's, modern world/society
- Father Steve suggested some sort of retreat to get started – everyone agreed to meet (Sat)5/31, 9am to 12pm

#### 5. Other Business

- Discussion re. Outdoor Mass now that RMHS graduation rescheduled to 6/8 – agreed to try for 6/22, otherwise postpone to September
- Approval for Youth Music Ministry to do Sound of Music 8/7-8/9
- Feedback re. Parish Mission: numbers a little low, but successful; people liked small-group format; music was good

#### 6. Closing Prayer

Marie Lucey

**Next Meeting:** 5/13/14 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Church