

SMOTH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Parish Hall, 5:00 PM
8/18/2014

Attendees: Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Brendan Fisher, Martha Kearns, Amy Markwalter, Eric McArdle, Walt Moore, Fr. Jerry Ragan

Guests: Jimmy Carrick

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM and began with prayer.

Gartland Award

- After discussion, the council recommended Sr. Josephine and Linda Cook as the 2014 Garland award recipients

Facilities update - Jimmy Carrick, Facilities Manager

- SMS school update
 - Cleaning service was not renewed and the task has been taken in-house. Jimmy has hired a team that is now doing an excellent job. After the initial start-up year, it is anticipated that the change will save the parish money and result in a cleaner school.
 - Surveillance system installed in school last year
 - Air conditioning unit in one of the classrooms has failed and cannot be repaired; Jimmy is working on systems that will be efficient, effective, and cost-effective
- Adoration chapel/Senior center
 - Jimmy is recommending installation of 5 motion-activated video recorders
- Parish hall
 - Repainted, lighting improved
 - Floor will be refinished next week
 - Looks wonderful
- Annunciation house and Fr. Charlie's house – Renovation and updates
 - Jimmy is requesting assessment of electrical, plumbing, heating, windows, etc. and updating as needed and can be funded; bathrooms and kitchen need work although upgrading will be expensive
 - Need to define specific current and planned uses
- Church
 - Air conditioning: When full and people are sitting on side seats, vents are blocked and diminish distribution of air conditioning; current vents are on top of the seats; recommendation is to move the vents to the front of the benches
- Columbarium
 - Fr. Jerry is still working on ideas for a permanent location

Diocesan Hispanic Ministry

- Bishop's plan
 - 2015 - outreach
 - 2016 - Hospitality within parishes
 - 2017 - Organizing and leadership in Hispanic community
- Fr. Jerry asked council to think about how SMOTH can contribute

- Currently helping to support development of an Hispanic parish in diocese

Stewardship Renewal

- Fr. Jerry is soliciting suggestions for lay speakers for the renewal (first weekend in October)
- **Send suggestions to Fr. Jerry**

Rebuilt “take away” messages and ideas for change

- Need to concentrate more on activities that fulfill mission of parish – with less emphasis on (or even dropping) activities that are “good” but not congruent with mission
- Ideas
 - Small faith groups
 - Info kiosk in narthex
 - Focus on welcoming people
 - Focus on liturgy (e.g., small faith groups)

Confirmation – 11/3/2014 – PC meet with bishop before

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 6:30 (ish) PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder