

Pastoral Council
Church of the Holy Rosary/Nativity of Our Blessed Lady
November 1, 2017 – 7:30 pm FWH

Present: Fr. Dennis Williams, Fr. Sebastian Pandarathikudiyil, Fr. Anthony Pleho, Yvette Armstrong, Clem Bele, Linda Cahill, Donna Clair Chung, Gigi Colon, Luan Dinh-Le, Barbara Guzman, Gerard Hahn, John Reide, Cecile Rodriguez, Henry Schwalbenberg, Leif Severino, Esmond Waldron, Gary Zurlo, also present Jerry Rubino, Hilda Cuesta.

Excused: Mary McCabe

Opening Prayer was offered by Linda Cahill.

Approval of Minutes: Cecile Rodriguez asked if there were any corrections to the September 7th Minutes. There were no corrections submitted, and a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Yvette Armstrong and seconded by Linda Cahill.

Standing Committee Reports -

Holy Name Society report presented by John Reide:

The annual Holy Name Society International Brunch will be held on Sunday November 12, 2017 from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM in Fr. Winters Hall. The price for tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years old. You can purchase tickets from any of the Holy Name men after all the Masses on Sunday or during the week.

Our next HNS meeting will be held on Thurs 11/9/17 at 7:00 PM in FWH; and all men of the parish are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Black Ministry: No Report.

Northeast Bronx Deanery: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Liturgy: No Report.

Media: No Report.

Nursing Home: No Report.

Parish Life: No Report.

RCIA: No Report.

Religious Education: No Report.

Rosary Altar Society: No Report.

Senior Club: No Report

Brief discussions of Dinner Dance:

There were 171 guests in attendance.

- Clem Bele commented that we always had prime rib on the menu. He asked what happened?
- It was pointed out that there were five items on the entre. Ordinarily we were going to have only four items.
- Fr. Williams mentioned that the vegetarian selection this year was put ‘on the menu’. He stated that next year we should go back to ‘available’ if selected.

Constitution Committee Report presented by Yvette Armstrong:

- The Constitution Committee met twice in August and has shared extensive information with each other via emails.
- Given the importance of the topic, we will do due diligence in examining this topic and how we can improve any areas in our Constitution. Upon completion of our review (which includes input from parishioners as well), we will compile a list of suggestions which will be presented to the Pastoral Council body.
- Among the items discussed or that will be discussed are the following:
- Brief Overview of Pastoral Councils

Canon Law Sec. 536 states:

If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.

§2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.

Why have we convened? Purposes(s)/Mission Statement:

SCOPE of Pastoral Council

Membership

Eligibility for Office

Term

Selection Process

Meeting Format and Frequency

Quorum? Decision-Making

Discussion of Hard Cover Missal & Hymn Books: Further discussion tabled for next year.

Flea Market: December 2/3 weekend available. The Lutheran Church items were picked up.

Giving Tree: The trees will be available again this year and will be set up in the front and back lobbies. Volunteers are needed for creating the tags.

Parish Bulletin:

- It is suggested that the bulletin be more consistent in style and font size. There was a lack of clarity as to the purpose of *Ministry Sunday*. The bulletin should include complete contact information, especially the Church address, and it would be helpful if the Date appears on the outside of the bulletin.
- The Bulletin goes on the parish website on Thursdays. Final council meeting business can be posted on the website with announcement in the printed bulletin. Only items that are finalized should appear in the Minutes.

Discussion of a St. Vincent de Paul chapter: More information is required as to interest, commitment, and time involved. Discussion tabled at this time.

Holy Rosary-Nativity Property: Discussion was held regarding the protection of our parish property. Recently graffiti appeared in Church parking lot and the rectory. Fr. Williams' and Fr. Pleho's automobiles were severely vandalized on October 31st. A Police report was taken. Policer Officers did not believe that the vandals who damaged the cars were the same person/s as the graffiti vandals. Police representative strongly recommended that cameras be installed to help deter further vandalism. Police spotlights can be placed near the church and more patrols can be scheduled. Yvette Armstrong will follow-up with research for camera vendors and pricing. It was mentioned that Joan Bellitto's nephew has a security company. He will be contacted.

Rental of FWH: Preparation for Meeting with Renters.

- What are the specific concerns?
- What do you want to bring up to the renters?
- There is a security guard empowered to throw people out and call the police.
- It is a question of respecting our Church. Make changes in the contract if necessary. Explain the importance of the contract and their responsibilities.
- Explain that the person whose name is on the contract must be accountable for the condition of premises at the end of the event and must be present at the event.
 - Post Rules & Regulations prominently in large print
 - Kitchen is off-limits,
 - Trash & Recyclables must be separated.

Monthly Youth Mass: Youth activity should be encouraged. Gigi Colon does have a small youth group.

- There are very few children from Holy Rosary.
- It has been difficult to find Altar Servers.
- It was suggested that a monthly Mass may be an excellent beginning.

- Fr. Williams shared that the 1 pm Mass can be used for a Youth Mass once a month, however, only the Traditional Mass would be celebrated. They would be asked to attend something serious and beautiful.

Proposal for Lent:

- Proposal to have Seven Last Words Service.
- Possible modified version of 3 hours on three different Tuesdays or Wednesdays leading to Holy Week.

Volunteers for the next meeting:

- Opening Prayer: Jerry Hahn
- Closing Prayer: Linda Cahill
- Hospitality: Gary Zurlo & Esmond Waldron