

Pastoral Council
Church of the Holy Rosary/Nativity of Our Blessed Lady
January 3, 2018 – 7:30 pm, FWH

Present: Fr. Dennis Williams, Linda Cahill, Donna Clair Chung, Barbara Guzman, Gerard Hahn, Mary McCabe John Reide, Cecile Rodriguez, Leif Severino, Esmond Waldron, Gary Zurlo, also present Jerry Rubino, Tony Loscalzo, and Hilda Cuesta.

Excused: Fr. Sebastian Pandarathikudiyil, Fr. Anthony Pleho, Yvette Armstrong, Gigi Colon.

Absent: Clem Bele, Luan Dinh-Le, Henry Schwalbenberg,

Opening Prayer was offered by Jerry Hahn.

Approval of Minutes: There were no corrections to the Nov. 1st Minutes, and a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mary McCabe and seconded by Linda Cahill.

Committee Reports:

Holy Name Society – Report submitted by Esmond Waldron

- The HNS received donations totaling \$200, which were donated to Holy Rosary in memory of David E. Cuesta.

Brief discussions:

Missals:

- Gary Zurlo shared that he and Fr. Williams had had the opportunity to discuss the issue of the Missals used at Holy Rosary. The Missal and Songbook including the Covers, which are currently used, are quite an expense.
- Fr. Williams stated that there were 200 books missing from the last order and it has not been a problem. It was suggested that we use only 4 sets of missals & songbooks per pew, rather than 6 sets, and that the next order be reduced accordingly. The reduction of books seemed reasonable for the immediate future.
- The suggestion of using one hardcover Missal/Songbook will be given further thought and a decision will be made before Advent 2018.

Flea Market:

- Linda Cahill reported that the Flea Market took place Sunday, December 3rd. We thank all the volunteers and appreciate the gift of their time and ideas to making the day a success. We are also grateful to our ‘Santa’ (Pablo Rodriguez) who brought much joy to the occasion.
- We had 31 paying vendors and ran out of tables so some vendors paid half price and brought their own table. A repeat vendor, Petrola Burrell (nuts and dried fruits), would love to come again and several other vendors and visitors mentioned wanting to be on our email/phone list for future flea markets. Vendors liked the traffic after Masses on Sunday but also like Saturdays- they had no preference. Almost all wished we had more dates available for flea markets.
- The Rosary Altar Society manned two different sets of tables- one selling parishioner donations and the other selling items from Lucy Ann's house (Mary McCabe and Wendyann mostly manned that table). The proceeds of \$680 from parishioner donations was given to the church. and \$400 of the proceeds from Mary's inheritance from Lucy Ann's house were also given to the church.
- The RAS would like those two donations to be toward the “security cameras.” We still have to wait for final calculation of proceeds from vendor fees, after expenses but that should be ~\$1,100. A small portion has been used to provide a discount (\$5.00) on our annual luncheon cost.
- We would like to look into using some or all of the remaining vendor fees to purchase a cart and some 6 foot tables for parish organization use (not for parties). These tables could also be used at future flea markets since demand for tables was so high we had to turn away several vendors or let them bring in a table of their own.
- We did not charge for the tables used by RAS or the Sisters. We still have many items in the coat room and plan to have a Spring/Summer Tag sale when schedule permits.
- It has been suggested that we host, Vendors only, for the next Flea Market.

Giving Tree:

- Charlotte Fazio reported that the giving trees were again available this year and our parish response was a great success.
- Parishioners very generously donated 310 gifts which were distributed as follows: Siena House 128, Concourse House 167, Concourse House Day Care Center 15.

- We wish to thank Fr. Williams, Fr. Sebastian, and Fr. Pleho for their continued support for this parish-wide charity event.

POTS (Part of the Solution):

- Jerry Rubino stated that this year there were no gifts for POTS and there was disappointment.
- It was suggested that perhaps a Box be placed at the back of the Church for those who wish to donate an unwrapped gift to be distributed to POTS.
- Donna Clair Chung suggested that a list of items needed be made available and that unwrapped gifts be shared with all nine nursing homes not just POTS.

Old Business:

Holy Rosary-Nativity Property:

- Discussion was held regarding the protection of our parish property. Fr. Williams stated that security systems run between \$7,000 to \$16,000.
- He also suggested a HNS sub-committee be charged with researching what system would be best and most economical for Holy Rosary.

Discussion of Additional Security Inside the Church:

- Tony Loscalzo (guest): Reported two separate incidents of concern, both at an 8:30 am Mass. (1) there is a man who comes into the Church during the Mass and leaves a bag at the back then sits some distance from it. (2) there is a lady that comes into the Church with a shopping cart and leaves it on the side then sits. He noticed that she left the church and left the shopping cart behind, then came back for it.
- In view of these two incidents, does the Archdiocese have any guidelines about church security during services? What can be done if we see “something” or “some behavior,” that is questionable?
- John Reide suggested asking anyone who leaves a bag or cart unattended to keep the item with them or ask if it can be searched.
- Mary McCabe mentioned that is the protocol at the Cathedral.
- Fr. Williams stated that only walkers, wheelchairs, or strollers should be brought into the church. All other items are to be left “outside the church.

Rental of FWH:

- A meeting took place between representatives of Holy Rosary and renters of FWH. The following was discussed:
- The main issue is cleanliness of FWH after each event.
- It was discussed to hire a person to clean up during and after each event.
- The Nigerian Community Renters have been tasked to find such a person.
- It was not determined what the fee paid would be.
- The deposit for rental includes the condition that FWH is left in after each event.
- Fr. Williams stated that after expenses there is about \$1000 profit for HRC.

Monthly Youth Mass:

- It was agreed that Youth activity should be encouraged.
- It was suggested that a Youth Mass celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of each month may be an excellent beginning.
- Fr. Williams confirmed that the 1 pm Mass once a month will be a Latin Mass and all youth will be encouraged to attend. They would be attracted to something serious and beautiful.
- To date, the Latin Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 28th and Sunday, February 25th. Fr. Robert Rodriguez of St. Brendan & St. Ann's Parish, and Fr. Matthew Reiman of St. Francis Xavier Parish, will be the celebrants respectively.

Proposal for Lent:

- It was discussed that three separate sessions be offered for *The Seven Last Words* Service leading to Holy Week.
- Tuesdays or Wednesdays were suggested.

Also Discussed were the following issues:

World Youth Day

- Cecile brought up World Youth Day on behalf of Gigi Colon.
- The Office of Youth Ministry is receiving requests from international groups travelling to Panama for WYD and hoping to make a detour in NY. If you are interested in learning more about an opportunity to welcome our Christian brothers and sisters from around the world and give them a place to stay, contact Daniel mail to: daniel.genn@archny.org. Floor space is sufficient. We are also looking for people to provide ideas for sights and trips to NYC to pilgrims.

- Suggestions were made of either hosting a group at Holy Rosary or sponsoring a group from Holy Rosary to attend World Youth Day 2018 in Panama.

International Brunch:

- Esmond Waldron shared that the profit was \$2,700.

Substitute Cantors:

- Fr. Williams discussed with Eva Sze that in future we would like to ask the three cantors who substituted the weekend of December 31st to continue to substitute when our Cantor is not available. This would be a savings if we didn't have to hire professionals to substitute. They did a really fine job and would of course be offered a modest stipend.

Christmas Creche & Lighted Outdoor Tree:

- Jerry Rubino and the council members joined in giving our heartfelt thank you to Fr. Sebastian and Leif Severino for the beautiful creche they built for our Christmas Display and for the huge lighted tree outside the entrance of Holy Rosary. We gratefully thank Gary Zurlo for providing the materials.

Our next meeting will be March 7, 2018, 7:30 pm, FWH

Volunteers for the next meeting:

Opening Prayer: Barbara Guzman

Closing Prayer: John Reide

Hospitality: Jerry Hahn and Jerry Rubino

Recording secretary Hilda Cuesta (hlc5617@optonline.net)

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