

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2015
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Present: Fr. Darrell, Deacon Kolarik, Deacon Dominic, Deacon Jim,, L. Judd, G. Krause, S. Brune, J. Beckman, L. Berlin, R. DeKeyzer, J. Hogan, Guests: J. Richard, T. Adamski, D. Mahalak

Meeting opened with a prayer from Fr. Darrell at 7:05 PM

April minutes approved and published in bulletin along with letter from Father Darrell addressing the closing date of St. Angela Church

Education Commission: Father is still in the formulating process and will keep council advised as things progress.

Christian Service: Joan Richards reported to the council that the bake sale made a profit of \$1381.10. These monies will help to defray the cost of confirmation/graduation robes and vacation bible school. May 17 there will be an American Red Cross blood drive at SIJ. People are encouraged to call Sister Nancy to make an appointment. Right To Life will hold a flower sale on Mother's Day at both the SIJ and SAM sites. The last senior luncheon for the year will be on June 16th and will be a baseball theme. Luncheons will resume in the fall. The Tekakwithans will hold their last meeting in June as well until fall. The Right To Life baby shower will be held in August. St. Vincent De Paul will have a pod in the SIJ parking lot the weekend of June 6-7. They are willing to take small items other than clothing but are asking that no furniture or large household items be dropped off. Christian Service will have their next meeting June 2.

Finance: Finance has meeting scheduled for May 12. There was a meeting held May 5th with Business Manager Jenifer Johnstone and representatives from groups within the parish and school to go over guidelines from the Archdiocese. Forms were handed out for check requests along with instructions as to how to approach the offices with monetary requests. Separate meetings will be held on June 2 and 9 with Men's Club, CYO, Tekakwithans, Parents Club and Altar Society. Each group is requested to submit a calendar and budget at the time of their meeting. The goal is to monitor activities so that there are not back to back events in short periods of time. Pre-planning will be a great tool to assist in this process.

Worship: Julie reported that the Fill The Church campaign is continuing and will do so throughout the summer months. May 3 was the most recent meeting. Volunteers are being sought for the first three Mondays of the month at Advantage Nursing Home to administer communion. May Crowning is scheduled for May 8 at SIJ and there will be no further Usher meetings at SAM through August. There were no repairs needed on the organ at St. Angela and work is ongoing on the garden at St. Isaac Jogues.

Changing Lives Together: No report this meeting

Vicariate: Jim reported that the May 6 Cross and the Light program hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea was not as successful as anticipated. Approximately 1400 attended making it break even on expenses, possibly looking into a change of name for the series. The May 14, 15 and 16 performances scheduled for St. Isidore are experiencing low tickets sales. There will be a Pentecostal Mass on May 23 at the Blessed Cathedral with the Archbishop and on June 7 there will be a mass for the newly baptized also at that the Blessed Cathedral. The term for the current webmaster for the Vicariate is up and he is not looking to remain in the position. The site is very underutilized and the desire to continue is no longer there.

Pastoral Update: Father reported to the council that the April 25 announcement of the closing date for the St. Angela site went as well as could be expected. Deacon Dominic was with him at the 4:00 mass on Saturday. Remarks were that while it was not a complete surprise, some were surprised at how soon it was happening. Father asked that no matter where parishioners choose to continue to worship that they go forth with a clear and open mind and heart not bringing any baggage or ill will with them, and to pray for him and please know that they can approach him if there are any areas they feel he has been lacking for them. Father Denny expressed concern about his future living arrangements. Father Darrell and Father Denny will meet in the near future to discuss. On Sunday Lou Anne did field some negative feedback from a parishioner who indicated they will not attend SIJ. There were questions about whether there would be a final celebration at St. Angela. Gerri was approached regarding the issue of parishioners receiving an accounting of funds from the sale of St. Angela school. Questions about how much was raised, how was it spend and how much is left were a few asked. The council will work with the Business Manager to put together a spreadsheet showing the SAM account from the time of the sale of the school through the merger. Deacon Kolarik suggested a SAM finance council member meet with the Business Manager to work on this.

Father also reported that an associate pastor from St. Paul on the Lake contacted him to become involved in hearing confessions in conjunction with a program called "Spend A Little Time With Jesus".

St. Angela will have Donut Sunday in May with representatives from SIJ groups there to talk with parishioners. SIJ will host Donut Sunday on June 14 at the St, Angela site to do the same.

Father Darrell spoke with Sr. Georgette, a worship rep from the Archdiocese. She indicated that at the end of August she would like to meet to discuss the closing procedures. There is a Right Of Closing that will take place and three members from St. Isaac Jogues and three members from St. Angela along with six other representatives will take part in this.

Father is still waiting on the drawings from the architect for the ramp into the church. He is hoping to have them soon to make available to finance council and copies to the parish

pastoral council as well. The first phase will be the ramp itself with a total of three design plans that will be submitted for quotes.

The letter to the Presbyterial Council will go to the Archdiocese in September formally requesting the closing of the St. Angela site. A list of assets from St. Angela that will be moved needs to be gone over. As many items as possible should go to the parish. After that is determined then you look to vicariate parishes as some St. Angela parishioners will more than likely attend elsewhere and it will be welcoming to see familiar items. After that if anything remains it is at the discretion of the Archdiocese to do what it sees fit with what remains. It is the focus to integrate as much and as best we can. Deacon Dominic suggested that parishioners are kept abreast of what is being done as the process takes place.

Lou Anne reported on how the first transition plan meeting held on May 4 went with she, Father and Dan Mahalak.

Tim Adamski will be at St. Angela at both masses the weekend of May 9-10 to introduce himself to parishioners and his role in the transition. He will also attend the donut Sundays. The issue of a celebration after the closing of St. Angela was discussed. Ideas were a picnic or dinner and how to handle attendance. Invitation only is the most logical way to go. This is an event primarily for St. Angela parishioners with possibly some St. Isaac parishioners included. Deacon Kolarik will get in touch with the contact person who handled the closing of St. Peter the Apostle to offer assistance. Father would also like to look into the cost of having a memento made.

Father will draft a letter to go out as a follow up to his closing letter to St. Angela parishioners. He will get this out before the next meeting of the transition team.

Steve asked if it was possible that Tim create and publish a timeline for things coming from now until closing. This will be for the use of the PPC as well.

At this time the issue of whether Deacon Kolarik needs to continue attending every meeting was put to the table. The council felt it was very helpful to have him attend. It was suggested that we put him at the beginning of the agenda so that he has the opportunity to leave without having to stay for the entire meeting. Lou Anne will also talk to Joan about submitting her report to Lou Anne directly as opposed to having to attend meetings for the time being.

Closing prayer was offered by Father Darrell at 8:35 PM
Our next meeting is June 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the St. Isaac Parish Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahalak