

Parish Council Meeting—February 13, 2018

Present: Fr. Peter, Corinne Lopez, Kathleen Hennessy, Diza Hilles, Mark Wang (Student Rep)

Absent: Andy Roybal, Betty Goeckel, Ryan Murphy, Ed Monks, Cassie (Peer Minister)

Fr. Peter gave opening prayer at 7:05pm

Minutes from November 14, 2017 approved

Development Director Report: Available online, no further discussion

New Member update: Fr. Pete asked Sid Baum Atkinson (part of the Laudaro Si)

Continuing to explore new members and obtain them from current parish groups.

Parish Office update: Fr. Peter has taken over Mass card Ministry. Greeting visitors to the office improving--bell on the door to alert staff.

Fr. Peter gave a summary of the Parish Town Hall Meeting from 2009 (available online)

Seven main topics were extracted:

- Worship: Priority is good music. Try and get more student musicians.
- Faith Formation: Priority is to get guest lecturer from outside the parish.
- Service/Social Justice: Priority is to become involved in helping with homelessness in our community.
- Stewardship: Priority is to address Parish Council sustainability. A review of the current plan will be done.
- Evangelization: Possible priority will be to fund FOCUS.
- Community: Parish has started to address this by holding an early event in the year (BBQ) to make a connection between students and the permanent Newman community
- Vocations: Priority is to help students become future leaders of the church

A suggestion was made that we keep the “main topics” to a minimum. An addition to the list of priorities: How to support Newman Center as an academic community.

Fr. Peter led a discussion on Service and Social Justice as a priority.

1. Address homelessness in our community. Work through Eugene Mission, Eugene Catholic Workers (donate food, clothing, time), First Christian Church (help prep and/or serve breakfast)

2. Fr. Peter will have a parishioner that currently works with homeless to make an announcement to get volunteers.

Gala: Suggestion made to offer tickets on sliding scale. Discussion on how to accomplish this and still have the right mix of “spenders” in the audience. Fr. Peter and Kathleen will meet to explore further.

Reminder that Gala committee still in need of packages and donations.

Next meeting: April 24, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p