Town Hall Meeting minutes: Saturday Feb 12 at 9:30

Opening prayer

Intro of attendees:

Donna Gallo, Jackie Banta, Rose Booth, Noreen/Tom Ciborski, Sally/Larry Walbourne, Paula/Tim Loehr, Fr. Oscar, Dave/Martha Roman, Jill Miller, Irma Burma Costa, Mary Stephenson, Lorraine Drieden, Tim Papa, Felipe Castillo, Sue Reilly, and Suzanne McDonough

**Taylor:**

* Social Justice Pastoral Plan: Please see attached plan
	+ Will have Taylor send to you.
	+ Amazing plan to happen.
		- Community, Outreach, Advocacy.
* Lenten study:
	+ Search on Formed will be the subject
	+ Wednesday 9:45 am and 6:00 pm
	+ Starting March 9th
	+ Will see attendance and determine on having both times
* Mentioned by attendee to have a Lenten Family study and offer later in evening for busy families
* Stations:
	+ 6:00 English
	+ 6:30 Meatless soups and hors d’oeuvres foods (both communities)
	+ 7:00 Spanish
* Living Stations:
	+ Good Friday at 4:00
* Ash Wednesday:
	+ 9:00, 12:00, and 6:00 English
	+ 8:00 Spanish

**Fr. Oscar:**

* Fr. Oscar spoke on a webinar that was viewed by himself, Taylor, and Felipe on Social Justice in the Catholic Church.
* BAA – Bishops Annual Appeal will be starting this weekend.
* Invite a rep from the State to come and talk with the parishioners.
* Period Project – Asked Paula to explain
	+ 6 people came and put bags together for about 2 hours.
	+ Going to schools and Prisons
	+ 10% luxury tax for feminine items
	+ Legislation to change the problem
* Engaging Minds
	+ Human trafficking
	+ Need a new facility – one before needed to much work
	+ Donation of $50 K for project
	+ Jan alone had 21 victims in Horry County.
	+ St. James does tithe them
	+ Asking for volunteers to work with them
	+ Did receive a $325 K grant
	+ Taylor is the main resource for the parish is they have questions.
	+ Get information on the website.
* Youth Group:
	+ Bring the different communities together
	+ Undocumented students to go to college
	+ Propose the K of C to sponsor DACA and be involved in Social Justice

**INPUT FROM ATTENDEE’S FOR THE PARISH:**

* + Mission
	+ Topics and then break out into smaller groups and discuss.
	+ When is a good time to hold events for the Anglo community
		- Younger crowd – 6:30 or 7:00
		- Older crowd – before sunset
		- Hispanic – after 7:00
	+ Games to be held:
		- Come after mass and have a family game time.
		- Provide refreshments
		- Hold once a month

**Paula:**

* Donna Gallo – Drama Club at St. James
	+ Play at Christmas but not many signed up
	+ Encourage drama club at church.
	+ Grow club in the community
	+ Hold different child and adult programs (easier for teaching)
	+ See when a good time to start the program.
	+ Meet on Saturday for practice
* Projects around the church:
	+ Renovations:
		- FC Kitchen Already have $23,000. Ready to start project.
		- Windows – We have $7,300 donation toward windows. Fr. Oscar will make a push at Spanish Mass for support to buy a window.
		- Parking Lot – Already completed.
		- Adoration Chapel – Obtaining bids from subcontractors for wood frane and waiting on new estimate. Most recent estimate was $420,000.00
		- Security Camera’s – We have the estimate of $17,000 but will try to do it in phases
		- Organ Fund – We are now upto $22,000 for this fund. Receiving over $1,000 per week.
		- HVAC for parish – Hoping to have a long term plan for replacement of AC and perhaps reevaluate the systems we have for something more efficient.
		- Fr. Oscar is really stretched as the only priest in the parish. Even the bishop told him this is a two priest parish but we don’t have the budget.
	+ Donations to the parish – We have done most projects you see with donations for specific projects such as the murals, stations of the cross, landscaping and curbing.
	+ Neglected building for over 25 years has put us in a position of needing many projects done at the same time. We now have funds available as well as the leadership to get them done.

**\*\* Recommended by parishioners at the meeting to have a announcement at a weekend mass to give the parishioners an update on what is happening at the parish ie: remodeling, upkeep, projects.**

* **One parishioner suggested like at her parish up north:**
	+ **A financial weekend to go over this information**
	+ **Parishioners like to hear where the money they give is going and not just in the bulletin.**

**Meeting ended in prayer from Deacon at 11:35.**

**Deacon Tim:**

* Asking at mass for:
	+ New comers
	+ Visitors
	+ Birthdays
	+ Everyone really likes when he does this and makes all feel welcome.