

**PASTORAL COUNCIL JOINT MEETING
NATIVITY OF THE LORD AND ST. VERONICA PARISHES
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 8, 2019**

NEXT MEETING DATE MAY 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m. AT NATIVITY OF THE LORD

04/08/19 Location: St Veronica

Opening Prayer: Prayer card from Lillian Ciske

Joint Meeting Time: 6:35 p.m. until 7:10 p.m.

March 11, 2019, joint meeting minutes were accepted without comment.

SV/NL Pastor Report:

The year lease for the FORMED.org program for SV and NL has ended. Usage by SV and NL during the lease was weak and does not justify lease renewal. None of the other four parishes are interested in cost sharing. Fr Carmelo will not renew the subscription but will consider renewal if an organized adult formation program is developed and promotes a need for FORMED.org. Individual subscriptions are always available for those who used the program.

SV has approved plans to refurbish the crying room with new carpet and wall treatment and to revamp God's Cozy Corner from a library into a Mother's Room with changing facilities and speakers.

NL has sold the Holy Family property. Fr Carmelo announced the property transaction at Masses on the weekend of Apr 7. The announcement was sensitive to previous Holy Family parishioners now merged in to Nativity of the Lord but presented the bittersweet message as a necessary action to move NL forward. The way is now clear with the Archdiocese to pursue capital improvement to the NL facility.

Sunday night 5:30 p.m. Mass at NL will continue through Labor Day.

The SV/NL local door-to-door evangelization initiative to promote SV and NL parishes is in progress. M. St Marie-Boelkow produced a supply of 1000 hangers for each parish with individual parish information for Easter liturgy. Delivery dates are planned between Apr 3 and Apr 14 (after Cudahy elections and before Palm Sunday). NL reported that their 1000 hangers have been delivered as of Apr 8. Fr Carmelo reported that his team delivered some 200 hangers in each of the SV and NL neighborhoods.

Fr Carmelo reminded Council that action is needed for election of new Council members to replace those who have reached term limits. Notices will be placed in bulletins. Council is advised to begin personal recruitment.

An operating budget has been approved by Finance Council for SV and one will be approved for NL at the Finance Council meeting on Apr 15. The budgets will be available for Commissions/Committees and parishioners to see.

STAA has successfully incorporated scheduled student service activities in their operation and combines the work with relational prayer such as Stations of the Cross.

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Questions presented to Council liaisons at Committees meetings were:

1. Keep Committees and parishioners updated with current information regarding capital campaign planning.
Fr Carmelo plans to do this.

2. Clarify how fund-raising activity is managed in the parish administrative structure.

A misconception of Stewardship Committee function erroneously assigns “fund-raising” activity to this Committee. Stewardship has overarching duty to promote a vitality of faith within the congregation and instill a quality of community service through parish Committees that inspires parishioners to participate in ministry and to be generous in financial support. Stewardship includes a duty to welcome current, visiting and new parishioners, young and old, and encourage their participation in parish activity with time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship surveys can define opportunities to participate in Church activity, and training events find leadership and commitment for action in spiritual and physical environments. The Stewardship Committee is presently summarizing Committee and staff leader responsibilities and will make known these activities and Committee volunteer opportunities for parishioners to see.

Fund-raising activities are generated by parishioner groups and Committees and are independent of Stewardship. Fund-raising events are coordinated with Finance Council for general approval, scheduling and distribution of any proceeds, either internal budgetary assignment or external community charity. The specific procedures for managing new or repeat ideas for fund-raising, creating plans for an event, and implementing an event are typically up to the parishioner group or Committee. Coordination, however, with a master plan through Finance Council is clearly necessary.