

Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall Meeting

November 5, 2018 6:30PM

1. Opening prayer—Father Scott
2. Faith Formation—Father Scott for Sister Sue
3. Confirmation—Elena Cambio
4. Holy Family School—Father Scott for Jean Yorio
5. Evangelization--Father Rick
6. Handout—other parish ministries
7. Attendance Statistics—Tom Kubus from the Diocese of Rochester
 - Q: will presentation be available—will be on website
 - Q: define poverty--??
8. Finances—Dave Quinn
 - Q: why don't we get rid of unneeded properties?—discussed later
 - Q: do the tenants all pay their rent?--mostly
 - Q: how many rental properties?--many
 - Q: what do a his Prayer: ging receivables look like then?—
 - Q: do we have access to our investments in Communis Fund?—we do with two signatures—Father Scott and Bishop Matano
 - Q: would there be any benefit in us having a capital campaign? Could do, but if it just spreads out the total donations, there is no benefit.
 - Q: From HF families—great atmosphere, but not enough help available for teachers, maintenance; safety issues; great school that needs help—needs more computers, needs aides in the classrooms; too many kids in small classrooms; parents want to work on having school fixed—playground needs to be checked before recess for drugs, knives etc. Thank you for the publicity for fundraising in bulletin; mice so kids can't eat in the classrooms; not enough time to teach social studies, math and ELA without aides; haven't had PE, music. Troubles with students with special needs—ECSD offering pull out, but no push in services. Parents are active volunteers. Time spent moving kids across the street for special classes like PE and music takes away from educational activities.
 - Q: Real estate struggles—especially for properties that are not churches; is there a plan for a multidisciplinary approach to getting real estate under control—beyond sales?; we also need beautiful and inspiring churches; so need team to develop a strategic plan to encompass these goals. This plan does not exist now, but does need to be established. Important to make decisions that will still retain the religious beauty, and not based all on numbers. We have done this when churches closed in the past and would like to do it again.
 - Q: Why can't we have for sale signs on the rental properties and even the churches? Father Scott said that we will not put a sign on churches because of the negative reactions when we did this before. We will divest properties in time. Does the church pay utilities on rentals? No, tenant does.

Q: Where do the HF parents need to go to get aides in their classes? Is it worth it to stay at HF or should families move kids to public school and faith formation? Jean worked to hire good teachers for the positions that were available. Dave told the diocese that we would go off the salary scale for AIS teacher if we needed to, for hiring the right person; Dave said that we could hire aides if Jean feels it is necessary. Teachers are not required to clean rooms and have not had requisitions denied for purchases because of financial reasons. Teachers may not be trained to use the materials that they have. Matt Griffin and Bill McCarthy are on the HF Advisory Board and will take the concerns to the Advisory Committee; Bill McCarthy will ask to have Mimi Tarantelli on the board. Mice are all over the “cafeteria”, not responding to custodial care, had an exterminator.

Q: Often when people volunteer they are never called back or have to wait. This discourages volunteers.

Q: The website schedules are not kept up to date for Mass ministers. Another parishioner said that the site is up to date as of today, until December. Many people do not have Internet access/savvy, so could we have a few copies of the schedules available in the back of the church.

Q: Can parishioners have access to parish finances? Dave will share anything except salaries with interested persons. Could we post it on the website?yes. We could leave some copies in churches as well, and will put collections, major expenses and project costs in the bulletin.

Q: Will there be any changes in the Mass schedule? Father Rick said not in the foreseeable future. The priests have not been hearing too many complaints.

Q: Do we have historical data for Mass attendance by building? Is there a correlation to collections? Yes, we do have this data and we would use the data to adjust Mass schedules in the future. How can the parishioners or Council view data and make decisions about Mass schedule? We collect data all year round and it could be made available to Council.

Q: How does Mass attendance compare between sites/times? 10:30 Sunday and 4PM Saturday are the most well attended. The Mass schedule will definitely have to be reviewed if/when the parish goes down to one priest—which Father Rick sees as inevitable.

Q: what were some of the hot topics this afternoon?—school and empty buildings.

Q: Let’s pray—

Father Scott thanked everyone for coming and sharing; the concerns have been recorded and will be made available. Please fill out the parishioner input form and turn it in. He led the closing prayer.

