**Newman Hall – Holy Spirit Parish Council Agenda--*DRAFT***

January 14, 2020, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Hecker Room

*Secretary: Ned; Timekeeper Walt*

Attendees**:** Fr Ivan Tou, Amanda Wehrman, Bob Gannon, Frank Rockwood, Jimmy Chim, Linda Safarik-Tong, Walt Lindquist, Youali Ramirez, Kimberly Hebert, Ned Niccolls

*(Pre-meeting discussion re: potential solar project for Newman. Walt--“With so many solar panels being installed, aren’t you worried about using up all the photons coming onto the earth?” Bob- “Don’t be so negative….”).*

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| 7:30 - 7:35 | **Opening Prayer:** Bob  |
| 7:35 – 8:00 | **Old Business** * Review and adopt minutes from November--Adopted
* Follow-up from Hospitality Presentation by Fr. Steven – does anyone have additional thoughts/feedback to share on the brainstorm questions?
	1. If you had to choose only one, what is the best aspect or quality of Newman Hall?
		+ The best aspect is that Newman is like family; (and our hope is to be open to the Spirit of God)
		+ Tie to the student community
		+ The community creates the space for learning and dialogue
		+ Tremendous potential talent within Newman
		+ Our pastors
		+ General comment: after Fr Steven’s talk we are becoming more aware of hospitality. (Related one recent experience where a visitor from Korea was welcomed and engaged, but then later realized they missed an opportunity to ask the visitor to sit with them. Lesson learned was to be vigilant for extra invite opportunities).
		+ There are resources to help with deeper understanding of the Catholicism
		+ We have everything under the sun…one can join in contemplative settings, or social action…groups are everywhere
		+ Noted that the last 0730 gathering was very energetic and warm (while recognizing that we do not want to form cliques)
	2. What would you hope that everyone who visits Newman Hall would say about their experience?
		+ A wonderfully hospital place
		+ That Newman is alive
		+ They got a tidbit of information from the homily, some nugget of inspiration
		+ Hope that people are inclusive, especially to visitors (example of parishioners coming up to new visitors
		+ People see that there is actual piety to inspire others
		+ We hope that because churches are so large, that the smaller groups are ways to get personal relationships
	3. Push the 4-greeting system to the whole church (Bob)….we just need to keep that in mind…
	4. Update on the coffee/welcoming space? (Bob). There is interest in what progress is being made, including an overall potential project-like plan and timetable. No action yet. Fr Steven has given much good thought on this. The PC supports Fr Steven and his committee. The PC noted that the community has several desires, some of which can be challenging (e.g., an elevator).
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| 7:55 – 8:50 | **New Business*** Update on meeting with the Bishop (Fr. Ivan): Fr Ivan’s meeting with Bishop Barber went very well. Bishop Barber recognizes the need for an independent campus ministry and strongly supports Newman Hall. Sometime this year Fr Ivan will get Fr Steven and others together with the Bishop. More details on the Bishop Barber/Fr Ivan meeting are captured elsewhere.
* Fr Ivan provided Pastor’s notes dated January 14 including finances: in brief, 2019 plate collections were slightly down from previous year and total income was down $80k, partially offset by stringent economies reducing expenses by $56k. This led to more detailed discussions and brainstorming to increase income captured elsewhere.
* Fr Ivan noted that he is in the early stages of reviewing solar panel bids. One proposal (Suntelligent) was given, other proposals will be sought. The PC discussed how to review the bids and how best to finance. Amanda suggests having a subset of people to evaluate the proposals.
* Update on 2020 budget (Fr. Ivan, Walt). With more economies and an estimated 10% increase in plate contributions Fr Ivan arrived at essentially a balanced budget. Amanda suggests that we focus now on 2021 more than 2020 to improve chances of good long-term outcomes. Walt cautioned that his experience with a Davis parish which also included a campus ministry maybe better to plan for 2021 to make sure we do not make mistakes. We may have had a better than average Christmas, but we need to increase income.

*Meeting finished with closing prayer at 9PM. Remaining agenda topics shown below** Bulletin flap to introduce the Parish Council (Amanda)
* Social media update: LinkedIn, Facebook (Fr. Ivan)
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| 8:50 – 9:00 | **Future Business*** Debrief Advent-uring program (invite Howard to report out?)
* Staff appreciation approach (Ned)
* Ecology/climate change interfaith dialogue, action steps (Bob)
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| 9:00 | **Closing Prayer:** Jimmy Chim |

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Hecker Room