

St. Monica Facilitation Team

July 18, 2018

Attendance: Connie Chau; John Curran, Father Ray Fleming; Mary Fran Kolbuc, Meg Lute and Bob Passalugo; Excused: Best Batchateu

Documents: Agenda; *Suddenly Single* activity proposal by Bob Passalugo

1. Father Ray's Updates:

- **Diocesan Urban Ministry:** No further word at this time. Group will meet again in August.

- **Buildings and Grounds:** Parish group meets in two days.

Projects underway or under consideration:

- Stained glass window repairs: (masonry; metal frames and stained glass repairs) already paid for under 2017-18 Fiscal Year budget.

- Research and get price information for church air conditioning (next year's budget).

Determine where funds would come from (*Daley Fund* and / or *Communis Funds* (long-term patrimony). Get solid bids.

Father Ray is pleased that the budget for next year is balanced.

2. Parish Activity Updates:

- **"Suddenly Single"** : Proposed new parish activity / ministry: Parishioner Bob Passalugo updated his earlier proposal based on getting feedback. There is greater clarification about the expectations for the activity that will serve persons going through bereavement. Bob will consult with Mary Ellen Fischer to set a consistent meeting date.

- **Rapids Cemetery Outdoor Event:** Restoration of this 210 year-old cemetery involves St. Monica parishioner volunteerism. The completion of the third year of reclamation progress was celebrated with an outdoor choral event with the vocal group Coreopia singing songs from the 1800s linked with the neighborhood's history. Good weather helped boost favorable attendance.

- **Beats at Brooks outdoor musical series:** This summertime bi-weekly activity with parishioner involvement brings neighbors together at the outdoor amphitheater at Brooks Landing. The series is off to a good start and will continue throughout August featuring neighborhood talent.

- **St. Monica Music Fest:** Parishioners Bob and Karen Engle have organized teams to publicize, set up and serve food during the 7/21/18 event. Jennifer Lafler is coordinating the diverse performing groups.

- **Touring Bicycle Group stops at St. Monica 8/3-4/18:** A group of building trades volunteers travel cross-country by bicycle and stop at various locations to build homes based on the *Habitat for Humanity* model. They will stop at St. Monica in the afternoon on Friday, August 3rd for an overnight stay in the narthex using sleeping bags. John and JoAnn DeMott will organize a parish supported potluck dinner that evening. The group departs Saturday following a breakfast at Staybridge Suites and proceed to their next worksite in New York State.

- **Westside Farmers Market** is proceeding well for its eleventh year at the St. Monica parking lot facilitated by parishioner help with set-up , parking and take-down. There is a good variety of local vendors. The most recent “Walk with A Doc” health education format featured Dr. Eric Mendoza, Director of the County Health Department who discussed the local response to the opioid epidemic. Councilmember Malik Evans attended recently to gather neighborhood concerns.
- **Parish Night at Red Wing baseball:** Tickets on sale now for the Friday, August 10th event that will include parish youth singing the National Anthem.
- **Vacation Bible School Aug. 13-17th:** : Jennifer is busy recruiting youth participants and volunteers. Planning, set design and donations-seeking are well underway.
- **“Roc N Rally” Aug. 19th:** The local grassroots youth initiative of *Students Demand Action on Gun Violence* is completing the paperwork and planning for a rally to be held in the St. Monica parking lot on Sunday afternoon August 19th. The event will feature speakers, music, food trucks and canopy tents highlighting local youth efforts to reduce violence and increase voter registration.
- **Parishioner Name Tags:** revisit at next meeting.

Next Facilitation Team Meeting: August 22, 2018 at 6:00pm

Minutes submitted: 7/25/18 jec