



Vision In Action

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**Next meeting:
July 25 - 9am**

Vision In Action - VIA

Meeting held June 27, 2009

Attending: Andy Somers, Bert & Mary Wiegand, Bill Kime, Carlos Herrera, Dick Schreiter, Ellen Vissers, Ernesto Gonzalez, Fr. Bill Hoffman, Greg & Jean Pethan, James Zimmer, Nancy Bourassa. Guest: Barb Miller.

Opening prayer - was said by Fr. Bill.

Approval of Minutes - approved as published.

Agenda for today:

Phone Tree
TV
Sign/set back
Website "business cards" and box
Terry Thorne talk
Expanded bulletin
Sara's website - carry forward to next meeting
Strategic Plan - look at next time?

1. Phone Tree follow up - Greg Pethan

Met with Barb Miller, Carlos and Greg to talk about this. Will order this week. Eric Hass, our computer tech will help install. Need to get the database together. We will help if Barb needs us. Carlos will take on the Hispanic side. Lists should be in soon from the various committees/groups. We will order another computer, and the older one in the reception area will be used for the Phone Tree system. Jerry Last knows the phone system and will help if needed. We hope to have it up and running by sometime in July. **Greg will follow through on this.**

Question: how to communicate to the parish that we now have this and they will be getting calls?

First let's try a test group - our VIA group- and see how it works. We have phone numbers for all parish members, so that's a good start. Later we can revise when we find out who prefers email or texting.

2. Flat Screen TV for back of church - Bill Kime

Cost estimates:

\$650 for 42" plasma (per Wal-Mart, Best Buy websites)

\$650 for HP computer

\$300 for software (PowerPoint)

\$800 for electric / cable connect / installation

\$2400 approximate total

We hope to do this as a wireless system, keeping the computer in the office (or maybe we can use an existing computer then and not have to buy one???)

Apparently the diocese has experts they work with that could possibly help us - **Carlos will call the diocese and find out.**

An LED TV costs \$1200 - \$2000 but would be more energy efficient. We could solicit and see if someone who is energy conscious would be will to subsidize the "green" LED version.

Question: where did we decide this would go? After a field trip, consensus was the right hand side in the back of church where the memorial plaque is now located - that could be moved.

Question: what about people who go out the other doors - the Tower Entrance gets a lot of traffic. Answer: since this would be wireless, we could have a duplicate system set up there; let's think about doing that as another stage,

Next step: Carlos & Bill will get expertise in here to get ideas on cost, location, etc. Then a presentation will have to be made to Parish Council to get approval to go forward.

Note: Carlos had a call in to LPI to see if they could be of any help; expecting a call back this week.

3. Outside sign with Mass schedule – Bill

Several people went out after the last meeting to look at it, and it really just needs some upkeep. The plexiglass is in bad shape and needs to be replaced, and also the backboard. We could also use new letters.

After discussion, Carlos will talk to Reuben and see if he and his crew can do that fixing. Then we'll give it 90 days and see if we think it's good enough, or still needs to be replaced.

4. Web page update - Ellen

It's 99% done, Eric is finishing up this week. People who have photos of events or groups, or minutes of meetings that need to be posted to the website should submit them to the office and Carlos will upload them. Please encourage people to take digital photos of events and submit them.

5. Business card with web address - Ernesto & Ellen



Per instructions at the last meeting, this has been expanded to a 3x5" size. Ernesto will run these off.

We had talked about having a box in the back of church to collect these, but after discussion we think they can be put into the collection basket or handed to an usher.

5. Follow up on Terry Thorne's talk

Let's discuss this at the next meeting in July and see if there are any ideas we can use.

6. Expanded bulletin / reinstate the newsletter - Fr. Bill

FYI: we print 600 bulletins per week. If we went to a bi-weekly bulletin we would make it more in-depth / larger, and we would put labels on them so they could be picked up in the back of church. Any not picked up would be mailed. We are also thinking about reinstating a quarterly newsletter - we would have to solicit help to produce this. Mary Wiegand volunteered to help with some of this, starting in September when they return from traveling.

Put this on the agenda for next time again.

7. Next Meeting - July 25th

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:02

Minutes taken by Ellen Vissers