

## Questions/comments from parishioners at Parish townhalls, June 21-22

5:30 pm

1. Wants hard copy of survey results at the townhalls DONE
2. Wants executive summary of survey results at townhalls.
3. As the projects develop, will parishioners be able to view project on the website so they can determine where they are a fit?
4. Change Mission Statement to reflect our desire to serve those in need outside our parish.
5. Getting the same people involved in these new projects, or attempting to involved new/different people so it is not static?
6. How does one go about getting involved now in any of these projects as they are in formative stage?
7. List of names and contact info for Parish Council members ... Wants at townhalls.
8. Name the top 10 JDI projects.
9. Why do we not have access to the fire door for entering/exiting mass? If unlocked...then no one knows about it.
10. Wants the bubble chart available online.
11. Get more people to participate in the church directory...keep rescheduling the date for having photos made.
12. Have everyone's name and contact information in the directory.
13. Looked at Youth Apostles for a new head of youth ministries?
14. Wants to be on search committee for new head of youth ministry, and wants to be on Faith Formation projects. ( If parish school has a rep on Parish Council, then recommends a member of PSR be on the Parish Council.
16. New mothers club.
17. Parking for new parishioners.
18. Safety railing outside of single door entrance to Flaherty Hall.
19. White striping on edge of steps leading from narthex into sanctuary.
20. Railing on steps inside sanctuary.
21. Info on each of the 8 focus areas with example activities -- explain at townhalls.

7:30 am

1. Loves the idea of ongoing dialog and follow-ups after this townhall...getting updates on a continual basis.

2. Been a member of the parish for 50 years, however, only knows two people in the parish...one of who is his neighbor. Observed that it is the school that makes the parish community...a parish that has an active school community will have a strong parish community.
3. Comment on the peculiarity of having a parish in the Washington DC area, where political polarization will be a continual challenge.
4. Need to focus on families who don't send their kids to the school. They send their kids to private schools thinking they're getting a better education, but not so. The school is the backbone of a parish community.
5. Mom of 4 kids (Jerry knows the family): Moved here last August and enrolled kids in the school...found the school to be very welcoming.
6. Sound system is a long-standing issue...what is being done about it?
7. Leaking roof also a long-standing issue...do we have the wrong type of roof...why does this continue to be an issue?
8. Will there be room for new projects not listed here on the slides?
9. Good things happening with Faith Formation, and appreciates that notices of future events are getting posted in the bulletin. Has taught PSR for years, yet hasn't had a priest come visit her class in more than 6 years...can we get a schedule that ensures a visit on some recurring basis?
10. We already have a world-class music program, what is meant/intended by "enhance" music program?
11. Scouting is a vital part of the parish community, and via Knights of Columbus, has access to funding of more activities/events...would like to become involved in connecting this program more closely with the plans presented today.

9:00 am

1. Parishioner has been organizing/running the taxi service from Lewinsville home to the parish for mass...most volunteers have passed away or moved away. Notices put in the bulletin and with Walking with Purpose, but to no effect. Needs to find more volunteers and a replacement coordinator.
2. Impressed with what's been done to communicate the results of the survey...links on website do not always work...can someone check them?
3. We have the ads in the bulletin, should we have ads on the website to defray costs?
4. Can we make hearing devices available at masses?
5. Positive relationship with the school...pen pal program between seniors and the 3rd graders. Need to encourage more people to join in activities.

6. Eucharistic ministry to the home bound ... Can we have more of a focus on this parish outreach, focusing on the aging process ... "aging in place" ... How to take care of the elderly spiritually?
7. Deciding on who will work on these projects...need to call individuals and solicit their participation...don't rely on volunteers (the same extroverts). One-on-one requests to parishioners to join in, who otherwise will not volunteer.
8. What is being done re: ecumenical outreach and projects...joining in with other churches and other faiths in the community for service activities?
9. Do we have a point of contact from this parish to the diocese for ecumenical projects?
10. Can we tie an "aging in place" activity into ecumenical projects?
11. SHARE -- good example of something we do for/with the community and. It just within our parish.
12. What outreach is planned for youth who have moved on and have not returned to the parish? What is being done for those who are beyond the age of high school? (Mention of a program at a parish in Clarendon that caters to young adults..."Theology on Tap.")
13. Good job on the Christmas tree sales this past year...JDI suggestion: post signs for those parishioners coming and exiting the building that give advance notice of events like SOME to increase participation.
14. Open to looking at what missals and hymnals are being used at other parishes as we consider what will be used here?  
Need to ask individual parishioners to participate vs waiting for volunteers.

11:00 am

1. Email is great start. Will social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) be used as a way of communicating? 20-somethings and younger do not use email.
2. Help parishioners, especially the older ones, get jobs...what is being done about helping people get jobs?
3. In 8 focus areas...mention of "deep review of Faith Formation"... what is meant by this, and what are these activities today...for the young? For adults? For the fallen-away? What's envisioned?
4. When is the next townhall meeting. (September was given as the answer) Why so late?
5. Reminding parishioners about upcoming events (like the women do for Walking with Purpose) helps boost awareness and participation.