

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 2/23/16

Attendance: Katie Edmonds, Betty Jean Cordill, Fr. Basil, Marilyn Terhaar, Clarissa Bay, Ana Nava, Victor Nava, Fr. William, Mindy Doeden

Opening Prayer lead by Betty Jean Cordill.

Updates:

- **Narthex Project/Capital Campaign:** According to Fr. Basil, we have reached \$677,000 in our fundraising efforts, of which, \$328,000 has been received in cash. This total does not reflect money raised during the Parish Dinner & Auction. We are close to being able to secure a building loan and hire a contractor.
- **Recycle Bins:** Fr. William has had recycling bins placed in the parish hall and parish center.
- **Lenten Small Faith Sharing Groups:** Marilyn Terhaar let us know there are six adult groups and one teen group meeting. There are about 70 participants in all. Most groups are using online programs through FORMED. One group is using Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Jesus*. Feedback has been positive.
- **Website:** Darren Mohr is working on getting a list of useful resources and links added. He is also working on graphics improvements. A correction was made to listed Mass Times.
- **Joint Council Meeting** with Fr. Molinari has been changed from March 15th to April 7th at 7PM in the Parish Center.
- **Parish Audit Report:** We are still waiting for the report to arrive.
- **Parish Unity Update:** Ana Nava, Victor Nava and Bob Schaefer will chair a Parish Unity Task Force. Members of this task force, so far, include: Randy Fisher, Michelle Valladares, Laura Salgado and Andrea Ponce Velez. This task force will seek to find ways to unite our Hispanic and Anglo Communities.
- **Young Adult Group:** Fr. Basil is working on meeting the diverse needs of the 18+ year-olds who are enjoying these monthly meetings.

New Business:

Revisiting our discussion and goals formed during our Pastoral Council Retreat, we touched base on our focus areas of **Faith Formation** and **Parishioner Care**.

Faith Formation: Having consistent programs for faith formation, in particular, our First Communion Program, was discussed. Fr. William stated many parents would like a more specific program for their children getting ready to make their First Reconciliation and receive their First Communion.

Father William and Fr. Basil are looking into having retreats as another form of faith formation.

It was decided that our Faith Formation Task Force should reunite to review progress of our programs, identify areas of concern, and search for solutions.

Parishioner Care: Betty Jean Cordill and Linda Berning are forming a women's group to support care of our parishioners. The first meeting will take place Monday, February 28th, at 7PM, at Betty Jean's home. This group will focus on creating a more welcoming atmosphere in our parish.

Discussion of social events in the parish hall after Easter Masses took place. Ideas include: a tamale sale, bake sale, Easter Eggs for children, Coffee And, a meet and greet with families who will have children Baptized on Easter, etc. These events will hopefully encourage all at Mass to visit, feel welcomed, and know they are invited to come back.

Having small cards made with an invitation to join St. Paul's along with a place to sign-up in each pew was touched on again.

Closing Prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be March 22nd, at 7PM, in the Parish Center.