

ST. JEROME PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2014

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Catherine Richter at 7:12 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Steve Cartwright called the meeting to order and called roll. Members present were: Larry Keller, Beth Pape, Catherine Richter, Cynthia Farmer, Kellie Wiatrek, Bill Thoms, Joe Jaksik and Father Rodolfo Caballero. Lloyd Welty was absent.

Others present: Deacon Edward Jimenez, Jeanette Morrisett and George Kiolbassa.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cynthia Farmer and seconded by Bill Thoms. Motion passed and the minutes were approved as written.

VISITORS COMMENTS/OPEN FORUM:

Deacon Jimenez announced that three people will be confirmed on March 23 at St. Leonard's at 2:00. Two of them were in RCIA and Louis Rios has been working with the third. Rite of Election for those currently in RCIA will be March 15 at 3:00 St. Helena.

George Kiolbassa represented the Finance Council and reported that the debt of \$1,327,000 in 2012 was down to \$900,000 in the fall, and is now down to under \$700,000. Finance committee has an open forum. Anyone who wishes to speak can contact Diane and be put on the agenda. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 in Flanagan Administrative Center.

FATHER RODOLFO CABALLERO'S COMMENTS:

Father announced that he has been appointed as our Parish Administrator and the Archdiocese Director for the Office of Marriage and Family. The number of people coming to church has been increasing at all three Masses. Yesterday the Adoration Chapel was full at morning Mass. The parking lot has been striped, new signs will be going up on our campus, two TV screens will go up in the gathering space of the church. We will start a communication plan and a campaign to help pay off the rest of the debt. Father will address alms giving in his homily and start a capital campaign. The gym/multipurpose building can be part of our long term plan, considering who we are and how we plan to share the "good news". Just doing things doesn't mean we are doing good things. We must have a time of reflection and prayer to determine what the Lord is calling us to do. Increase Adoration, increase confession, increase grace, increase prayer, increase spirituality, be unified, be forgiving, be welcoming, be apostles, be missionaries. After prayer and reflection we need to make a long term plan for our church with Christ at the center of all we do. Father will continue with the Liturgy ministries until after Holy Week, then will work with committees and finally with faith formation groups.

DISCUSSION: Joe Jaksik suggested that the parish be informed about the size of our debt. George Kiolbassa said that it is published in the bulletin once a year.

ORGANIZATION & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS: Cynthia Farmer reported that there will be a gathering after Confirmation Mass April 6.

Background checks are ongoing for everyone involved at our parish. Diane is still gathering them as people complete them.

NEW BUSINESS: Larry Keller announced that the Parish Mission will be April 6-9. Father Nutt will speak at 5:00 Mass on Saturday and 8:30 on Sunday. Thirty-seven people signed up to help. Larry will plan a steering committee meeting to plan more thoroughly. Each Night Father Nutt will use a different symbol - Sunday will be the Bible, Monday the crucifix, Tuesday will be the night of lights, Wednesday the Eucharist. Volunteers are needed to usher, lector, serve communion, lead prayer and babysit.

The parish is planning a Seder dinner for sometime in Holy Week.

Final plans for renovations to CCD class rooms are not yet complete. The architect is working on it to get a final figure by the next meeting.

NOTICES:

March 21 - Run for Discernment - Weekend for Women

March 30 - Vocation Fair at St. Brigid Parish

April 5-9 - Parish Mission with Father Maurice Nutt

Kellie Wiatrek moved, Larry Keller seconded and Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm. Cynthia Farmer led us in the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be April 2, 2014 for Council Members and ministry leaders.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH:

- * Resources for printing and distribution of information
- * Progress of background checks
- * Review of the pastoral priorities of the archdiocese and goals.
- * Processes, goals, accountability for parish activities and ministries
- * Future guests to give testimonials

Submitted by

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