

ST. JEROME PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2014

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Steve Cartwright at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others present: Deacon Edward Jimenez, Louis Rios, Steve Zunker, Frances Zunker, Sandra Dorsey, Delia Lopez, Kathleen Rocha, Jeannette Morrisett, Terry Pedrotti, Karen Foster, Marsha Sanchez, Darlene LaVelle, Joyce Royce, Tyra Gonzales, Steve Gonzales, Jessica Lubianski, Debbie Balderas, Karen Foster.

MINUTES:

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

FATHER RODOLFO CABALLERO'S COMMENTS:

In the Acts of the Apostles the Christian community had to discuss circumcision of pagans and Jews. The Holy Spirit brought all to agreement. Father Rodolpho sees a great effort in our parish to bring unity, close the past, and look forward to the future with hope. The parish has dealt with grieving, instability, and changes. The waters have calmed and followed their natural course. One issue to address is bringing everyone to the Lord. Focus on unity and don't worry so much about the rest. Our first goal is to work on Liturgy. Altar Servers are doing more during Mass. Each group in liturgy will be joining us, next catechesis, and finally parish ministries. Groups will be asked to come to Pastoral Council meetings every three months. Council members will be divided into three groups to work closely with those ministries. We need to create a process for the function of our ministries and our parish as a whole. Christ is the center of all we do. Our ministries should meet first in the Adoration Chapel, leave for meeting, then return to the chapel to close in prayer. Father invites us to foster confession in our life to receive sacramental graces. Saturdays 4:30-5:00 and Sunday 8:00-8:30, 10:30-11:00. Father will begin a series of homilies to focus on what is happening at Mass to foster dedication to the Eucharist. Each ministry should have its own council for group decision-making. We will work on processes, goals and accountability for each ministry.

VISITORS COMMENTS/OPEN FORUM: None

ORGANIZATION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALTAR SOCIETY: Darlene LaVelle, president (274-2555) reported that the Christmas decorations will come down Saturday at 8:00am. Installation of officers will be January 29. Kathy Schick is a new member and new officer. New vestments for priest, deacon and altar servers are being purchased.

ACTS: No report.

CCD: Sandra Dorsey distributed copies of the Newsletter for January and December. Attendance at CCD was poor (44 absences) last Sunday. A certain number of classes are required each year by the Archdiocese. April 6, 11:00 has been announced as our Confirmation date. Archbishop has consolidated three other parishes with ours and we will have a total of 78 confirmandi. Help will be needed with the Liturgy of the Mass. Father Rodolfo asked that it become a community, family event. Father will ask Archbishop to bless the prayer garden. Discussions will continue concerning a gathering after Mass. Father and Deacon Edward are visiting classes and Deacon's tours of the church continue to teach new things.

CYO: Angel Tree project was a huge success. 108 families- over 300 children- were served. CYO Sports Night January 17 at the Spurs will cost \$13.50. January 18-19 there will be a Bake Sale, March 29 is Casino Night.

YOUTH MINISTRY: December parent night out 6:00-11:00 hosted 20 kids. 16 teens attended the first lockout with movies, pizza, games. They went Christmas Caroling in Triple Trees. Meetings are the 2nd - 4th Sunday, about 16 kids participating regularly. They will help with the Wild Game Dinner, will attend the Youth Spectacular, and delivered Thanksgiving dinners.

SOUTHEAST DEANERY: No report.

HOME VISITATION COMMITTEE: No report.

MEN'S CLUB: No report.

RICA: Started with 8 catechumens, 1 confirmandi. Still doing Catechesis; the Rite of Election is coming after Ash Wednesday

SENIORS: Last month 125 people attended lunch. Many come from other parishes and have a lot of fun. They are self-sustaining from donations. All are welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Delia Lopez and Bonnie Laskowski are now in charge. Delia thanked parishioners for donations. Today they stocked the pantry and are looking for help distributing food. They have helped 10 families with food and 2 families with electric bills. We only have canned and boxed items, but give people information on other resources available. Goya Foods has offered to provide foods for our pantry. Some people give contributions each year specifically for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

BOY/CUB SCOUTS: Tyra Gonzales - Venturing Crew - serves girls and boys ages 14-21. Wreaths Across America went well. They have placed wreaths for Veterans Day for three years. There are 125,000 gravesites, 600 donations - 45 wreaths. Thanks to the parish. Scouts will attend the Men's Club Wild Game Dinner and provide the flag ceremony and service January 25. Scout Sunday will be Feb. 2 11:00. They are planning a ski trip to New Mexico in March. Feb 7-9 is the Freeze-o-ree. They went to an Enchanted Rock hike last weekend and attended Father Rodolfo's celebration. TexStar is charging \$15 monthly fee but Scouts are looking for another bank. Kids are willing to help with service. Jason new Scout Master feels blessed by support and resources at St. Jerome's. Last night the troupe held elections. Boys are running the troupe themselves and learning to be leaders and live a scout life. Lock-in this weekend with annual planning. Let Jason know if you need any service provided by Scouts. Big fundraiser - parade seats - 6 or 7 active boys. Proceeds pay for boys' camp fees. Fertilizers sales coming up later this year. Richard Ruiz Cub Scout Master - membership has increased from 15 cubs to 45. They are running out of room! 200 care packages made for the homeless and needy. Need more community service. Pinewood derby workshop 9-2:00

GIRL SCOUTS/BROWNIES: Debbie Balderas 25 girls clean the St. Jerome cemetery twice a year. They help with the United Methodist food pantry twice a month. First annual Father-Daughter dance is coming up. They are helping with the wild game dinner. Easter Egg Hunt coming up might be a Fiesta Egg Hunt. Flowers will be given to mothers at Mothers' Day Mass. A surprise is being planned for fathers on Father's Day.

USHERS: No report.

ALTAR SERVERS: No report.

LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY: Louis Rios was present to report that the next study will be 8 sessions, The Women of the New Testament, beginning Tuesday Feb. 18 and Thursday Feb 20 and ending April 8 and 10. Registration will be Feb. 8. Training and commissioning is taking place for Robin to be a new facilitator.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Since Father Rodolfo requested that all choirs attend the meeting, music was discussed during Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Father Rodolfo met with each of the Music Ministries prior to the Pastoral Council meeting. He suggests that they have a Music Ministry Council so all voices are heard. Father would like to add a Mass for the youth but will need to meet with the Archbishop Feb 10.

Ministry of the Sick - Alice Rutkowski, Anita Jimenez, Catherine Richter, Jeanette Morrisett, and Joyce Royce will serve to minister to the sick of the parish and their families.

Marriage Ministry is being formed.

Cynthia Farmer nominated Barbara Traugott for the Lumen Gentium Award. Lloyd Welty seconded and the Council voted unanimously to award her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Background checks are needed every three years on everyone who serves in a ministry at our parish. The parish list will be aligned with the Archdiocese and forms will be distributed to those who need them.

NOTICES:

February 9 is World Day of Consecrated Life.

March 21 - Run for Discernment - Weekend for Women

March 30 - Vocation Fair at St. Brigid Parish

Next meeting will be February 5, 2014 for Council Members, April 2 for ministry leaders.

Lloyd Welty moved, Bill Thoms seconded and Steve Cartwright adjourned the meeting at 9:29 pm. Steve led us in the closing prayer.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH:

*Liturgy meeting

*Plan for a gathering after Confirmation Mass April 6

*Processes, goals, accountability for parish activities and ministries

Submitted by

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