

## ST. JEROME PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2014

### OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Cynthia Farmer at 7:09 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, Joe Jaksik and Father Rodolfo Caballero. There were no absences.

Others present: Deacon Edward Jimenez, John Maha and Jerry Pruski.

### MINUTES:

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

### FATHER RODOLFO CABALLERO'S COMMENTS:

Father has been reading the pastoral letter of Pope Francis with regards to evangelization. The gist of the letter is how to go out and evangelize. Father asked that we find a time to read Evangelium Gaudii. The only mission of the Church and our parish is going out and evangelizing. It's a challenge but it is necessary for us to realize how others live without grace, the sacraments, and love and concern for each other and then try to be like Christ to them. Within our parish it is our job to continue to see the big picture, leave aside what divides us and focus on what brings us together - the spirit of Jesus Christ. Anything that distracts us from that goal must be put aside. We need to find a way to keep the church open so all can come visit, hopefully by Lent. We will consider alternating morning and evening daily Mass.

DISCUSSION: Consider opening the Adoration Chapel for a smaller space and reduced cost of utilities. Father repeated his wish that all activities at St. Jerome's begin and end with prayer in the Church.

VISITORS COMMENTS/OPEN FORUM: None

### ORGANIZATION & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Liturgical Ministries - Father met with the Liturgy Committee - Larry, Catherine and Beth - about our plans in Liturgy. We plan to bring the choirs together as one, even though distinct in their own respects. They will choose a board and write by-laws. They will meet Feb. 18 to discuss further plans. Larry and Beth attended the Southeast Deanery Liturgical Ministry

Training Workshop. We will “prepare the soil” and discuss what we learned with liturgical ministry leaders and make plans for our own parish training.

OLD BUSINESS: Cynthia Farmer reported that the Southeast Deanery met in January. They discussed the Archbishop's 5 year plan and his desire to increase vocations. The Southeast Deanery meeting will be February 15 10:00-12:00 here at St. Jerome in Flanagan Hall. Lloyd will bring water, Cynthia will bring rolls and make coffee. Help and attendance will be appreciated.

Archbishop Gustavo won't be available for a gathering after Confirmation Mass April 6, but we will continue to discuss hosting a punch and cookies reception for the confirmandi and their families. The Archbishop will bless the prayer garden at 10:30 before addressing the confirmandi.

NEW BUSINESS: The Archbishop will be here February 11 for the recording of the CTSA program at 7:00pm. He will meet with Pastoral Council members and other parish leaders at 6:30 in the Adoration Chapel.

Barbara Traugott received the Lumen Gentium award from the Archbishop Monday night at St. Dominic's.

Women's Bible Study will be bringing items for St. Vincent de Paul tomorrow.

#### NOTICES:

February 9 - Confirmation retreat

February 9 - World Day of Consecrated Life.

February 11 - 7:00pm filming of CTSA - Archbishop Gustavo

February 18 - Music Ministry Meeting

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

Larry Keller moved, Cynthia Farmer seconded and Steve Cartwright adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm. Steve led us in the closing prayer.

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

#### ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH:

\*Plan for a gathering after Confirmation Mass April 6

\*Processes, goals, accountability for parish activities and ministries

\*Future guests to give their testimony

Submitted by

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