

**REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, December 13th, 2016 – 7:00PM**

In Attendance: Steve Fournier, Patrick Manning, Angie Reynolds and Walt Graner – Members; Susan Bonner – President, and Father Charlie Garza – Pastor.

Opening Prayer –The Team said the **Building to Heal** prayer together.

Minutes adopted from November 8th, 2016 meeting.

Old Business

- None

Reports

- Virtual / Suggestion Box Comments
 1. No feedback provided.

- Capital Campaign - Update
 1. Currently at \$2,183,618 (pledged) vs the goal of \$2.5M (stretch goal of \$3.0M). ~\$478,000 collected from pledged amount.
 2. As of this meeting date, 174 individuals / families responded with 169 of them making their pledge.
 3. Father Charlie proposed showing the Capital Campaign video before the Christmas Masses and providing a short update during the Offertory at each Mass. The Pastoral Council agreed that this would be an effective way to reach back out to the Parishioners (especially Christmas / Easter attendees) for their consideration on donating and spark renewed interested based on our actuals vs goal.
 4. 2nd collection will be taken once per month at the Spanish speaking Mass (1:30pm Sunday) in support of the Capital Campaign
 5. Father Charlie led a review of the multi-purpose building blueprint plans with specific focus on the layout, design and building options for Floor 1 and Floor 2.
 6. December 20th meeting with the Contractor and Architect to review the latest spend forecast and scope of work.
 7. January 13th meeting with the Diocesan Building Committee.

- Review of QML “Values” Session 4 – PC leaders group comments & suggestions

Calendar / Building Use:

- A lot of activities at SMdP and validation of the true need for more meeting space (e.g. new building).

- Evidence of strong support for the ministries as SMdP that reflect the range of groups from infants to our senior citizens.
 - Noted that a lot of activity is happening in the Church outside of the use of the buildings (e.g. homebound Eucharist ministry, bereavement, Burke Center,). “Do” groups vs. “Space Users”.
1. **Giving Priority to the Weekend:**
 - My Parish app is a great tool for Parishioners and non-Parishioners
 - Godly Play is a great way for some to engage more fully
 - Suggestion of approaching Mass as if it were your last can create a fuller engagement
 - Suggestion for Father Charlie to hold his Catholic Mass session again for a better understanding of the Mass
 2. **Hospitality:**
 - Suggestion to bring back the Donuts and Coffee.
 - First meeting a person, don't lead with trying to recruit them into a ministry immediately. Develop relationship
 - A gift (cross or necklace) to new parishioner or visitors as a keepsake and identifier during Mass.
 - Try having Name Tag Sunday once per month.
 - We have a Welcome Committee, but everyone needs to be part of welcoming and hospitality.
 - Need to greet everyone and introduce ourselves to those we don't know. Especially, the people we have seen at Mass for years.....
 - Suggested return of announcements of visitors, birthdays, anniversaries; possibility to consider doing this before Mass begins.
 3. **Uplifting Music:**
 - People want to sing songs that they know.
 - Don't want the music to become a performance and draw attention away from the purpose of the Mass.
 - The range of music styles casts a wide net for Parishioners to choose the Mass they prefer.
 - Has provided a clear distinction between the individual Masses.
 4. **Homilies:**
 - Agreement that the Homilies address Parish life and are meaningful.
 - Endorsement of the reach and effectiveness of the Homily podcasts on the My Parish app.
 - Father Charlie walked through his POUR analysis: P = Passion, O = Organization, U = Understanding and R = Relevant.
 5. **Meaningful Community:**
 - Demonstrated through groups like the Bereavement ministry.
 - Numerous examples of individuals and families going through difficult times and the Parish Community was there for strong prayer and support.

New Business

- Ideas to encourage Parish Liturgical participation and Parish Energy
 - Due to time, this will be discussed in the January 10th meeting
- Divine Renovation – Discuss question format for “Values” 6-10, Chapter 5
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Announcements

- Change in date for Session 5 QML – NEW DATE – February 21st, 2017
- Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Closing Prayer was said by Susan to conclude the meeting.

Meeting Concluded at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted – Patrick Manning