

**REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, April 11, 2017 – 7:00PM**

In Attendance: Patrick Manning, Steve Fournier, Angie Reynolds and Walt Graner – Members; Susan Bonner – President, Judy Tixier - Parish Business Manager and Ex Officio member, and Father Charlie Garza – Pastor.

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

Minutes adopted from March 21st, 2017 meeting.

Reports

- Virtual / Suggestion Box Comments
 - Feedback on a Baptism and some suggested improvements.
 - Still seeing parishioners in the Crying Room that should not be using the room.
- V Encuentro (Encounter) – Angie and three others (Maria Camacho, Paola Mendez and Santiago from St. Mary's) attended a session on Saturday, March 18th at the Diocese for Encuentro (a 4-year program). We are in Region 10 (TX / OK / AK) and V Encuentro has full U.S. coverage. The focus is on the fast-growing Hispanic population in our nation with an emphasis on forming leaders in our church. It is an evangelization program which St. Martin de Porres will integrate into its current evangelization plan, Divine Renovation. 5 separate theme sessions make up the program:
 1. Called to a loving encounter with Jesus
 2. With words and actions
 3. Walking with Jesus
 4. Bearing fruits of new life
 5. Celebrating the joy of being missionary disciples
- Parish Energy / Participation Update
 - “City Wide” – A non-denominational faith event in Dripping Springs designed for small groups on a retreat (high school & middle school kids). The kids do projects, praise and worship, ... over a 2 night timeframe. St. Martin de Porres participated for the first time this past weekend, April 8/9 having 6 students and Kevin Kapchinski, the Director of Faith Formation, coordinated the Praise and Worship time.
- Capital Campaign Update
 - \$3,166,710 pledged with \$994,946 collected.
 - May 6-7th Masses; will promote contribution to the Capital Campaign
- Building Update
 - Reviewed the single story Multi-Purpose Building plans with Father Charlie. Final plans to be displayed during the May 6/7 Masses to parishioners.

Old Business

- Easter Update

- The Masses over Easter weekend are expected to be very large and overflowing.
 - Two Masses overflowed during the Palm Sunday weekend.
 - There is still a need for Ushers at all of the Holy Week and Easter Masses, especially the 11am Mass. If the Usher slots cannot be filled, overflow may not be offered without the help necessary. Suggestion was made to change the flow of traffic into the main parking lot. It is under consideration.
- **Process for Transition of Pastoral Council Members**
 - Walt Graner will be completing his term at the end of June.
 - Steve Fournier has decided to continue his term for another year.
 - We will discern two additional members to the Pastoral Council from our parishioner community.
 - The Discernment event will take place in lieu of the next regularly scheduled Pastoral Council meeting time on May 9th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Great Room of the Education Building. Father Charlie will announce the openings and event, and there will be a bulletin announcement as well.
- **QML Retreat – May 6th (9:00am-1:30pm)**
 - Retreat Agenda: Angie will speak for about 10 minutes regarding Encuentro/Encounter. We will be incorporating this into our current Evangelization plan, Divine Renovation, as we move forward with the Ministry Leaders. Susan and Angie will be meeting to discuss presentation, and changes to QML schedule to create more time.
 - Susan and Kevin Kapchinski will be meeting to discuss "Jesus Is Lord" and building it into the retreat for the Ministry Leaders to learn about.
 - Parish Hall Set Up / Breakdown: Pastoral Council will assist with set up of retreat at 8am on May 6th and the breakdown of retreat at 1:30pm. Steve and Walt volunteered to offer transporting tables up to the church for setup of the Ministry Fair beginning at the Vigil Mass at 5:00pm. We will provide light baked goods/coffee for breakfast and lunch will be provided by Pizza Cave. Susan will handle logistics as needed with help from PC members.
 - Review of QML Discussion Outline – DR Chapter 7: Susan will be revising the questions for small discussion to reduce discussion time to 40 minutes. Time will be allotted to discuss "Jesus Is Lord" with Ministry Leaders. Revision will be emailed to PC members for their review and input.

New Business

Announcements

- Next Pastoral Council meeting will be the Discernment Event to be held Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Closing Prayer offered by Father Charlie to conclude the meeting.

Meeting Concluded at 9:48pm

Respectfully submitted – Patrick Manning