

**REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, June 13th, 2017 – 7:00PM**

In Attendance: Patrick Manning, Steve Fournier, Angie Reynolds, Chery Lutz and Walt Graner – Members; Susan Bonner – President, Justin Lapeyra – visiting Seminarian, 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.

Welcome – New Pastoral Council Members

- Dan Wierzbowski
- Chery Lutz

Minutes adopted from April 11th, 2017 meeting.

Reports

- Virtual / Suggestion Box Comments
 - Susan gave an overview on the virtual and physical suggestion box to Chery and Justin.
 - Comment from the Virtual Box on a Communion rail (for a Latin Mass) and choir loft in the new Church. The new Church is Phase 2 of the Capital projects and the design has not yet started.
 - Suggestion to have Adoration incorporated into the Ministry Software. Myron Lutz has done some investigation on this and it looks feasible. However, Father Charlie wants a “net new” individual (not already managing the Ministry Software or other Ministry responsibility), as the Adoration Software capability would be an additional software scope / purchase and it needs someone to manage it. The additional cost for the software is a concern, but Father Charlie is open to this solution given that there is an individual who will “own” it.
- QML May 6th, 2017 – Follow Up
 - Feedback was positive and it was a meaningful retreat.
 - Other feedback:
 - Needing enthusiasm in the Ministries
 - Adult Catechesis programs
 - Personal invitations are key
 - Need a clear vision of where we are going
 - Want to see a mission statement on the website
 - Make sure we’re inviting
 - Communication between ministries
 - Youth RE format was discussed (Youth fun vs deep conversation)
 - Need for a young adult groups and activities

- Capital Campaign Update
 - \$3,166,710 pledged with ~\$1,150,000 collected.
 - Father Charlie still anticipates breaking ground by the end of 2017.
 - Goal for building completion and ready for use is November 2018.
- Building Update
 - 30% complete on the Design Phase. 3D video is on the Building Project section of the Parish website.
 - The Dripping Springs sewage treatment plant implementation could be delayed 1½ years based on the recent City Council election results. This has raised some significant risk and impact to the Parish sewage treatment solution. Without the city sewage solution, St. Martin de Porres would have to put in a large-scale septic tank system, which would result in significant cost increases and not be sufficient for the end state of the New Church (Phase 2) and the large Parish Activity Center (Phase 3).
 - The Pastoral Council had an in-depth discussion on how to proceed given the cost impact of a limited septic tank system. There was agreement that Father Charlie should move forward in talking to other Parish Committees and individuals on how we can develop a data driven response to the City on the impact of no action / delayed action of the sewage treatment plant. Other recommendations that need to be considered in the response were to ensure that all pro / con aspects and risks to the Parish were identified and thought through.
- Father Charlie Update
 - Father Melesio Espinoza is a part time Associate Pastor at our Parish (arriving July 3rd) with a parallel mission of helping the Hispanic community in Blanco/Johnson City, and Wimberley. Father Melesio will hear Confessions after the Spanish Mass.
- Other
 - VBS attendance is at ~100 kids, which is larger than expected. Twelve (12) families are not registered Parishioners and this was discussed as an opportunity for welcoming and inclusion into our Parish. Follow-up with these families is being considered.

Old Business

- **Encountering Jesus / Encuentro con Jesus – Dates & Sessions**
 - Kevin Kapchinski has been working on combining the programs for start dates of September 6th for the English program and September 7th for the Spanish program.
 - English program meeting time will be 6:15-7:30pm
 - Spanish program meeting time will be 7:30-8:45pm.
 1. **God's Love** (9/06-07)
 2. **Salvation / Who Jesus Did It For** (9/14-15)
 3. **Repentance / Walking With Jesus** (9/21-22)
 4. **Confession – Penance Service** (9/27-28)
 5. **Grace & The Holy Spirit** (10/04-05)
 6. **Prayer Night** (10/11-12)

- Kevin, Kyle, Susan and Father Melesio comprise the core team working on this.

New Business

- Future QML Meetings - Topic
 - **Forming Intentional Disciples** was presented as an option.
 - The Pastoral Council agreed that we would hold off on new QML content and address some of the feedback / concerns from the May 6th QML Retreat. Susan to meet with Father Charlie to discuss.

Announcements

- Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS – Walt Graner

Closing Prayer offered by Father Charlie with blessing to conclude the meeting.

Meeting Concluded at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted – Patrick Manning