

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

**In Attendance:** Patrick Manning, Steve Fournier, Chery Lutz and Dan Wierzbowski – Members; Susan Bonner – President, Justin Lapeyra – Summer 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.

Minutes adopted from June 13th meeting as written.

### **Reports**

- Virtual/Suggestion Box Comments
  - Susan gave overview on the suggestion boxes to Dan
  - No comments/suggestions since May 5<sup>th</sup>
  
- Capital Campaign – Update
  - \$1.2M in cash has been collected so far
  - \$2.1M is needed before we can apply for a bridge loan.
  - The 12-month period of no cathedraicum will be selected by the parish but will most likely be November to October.
  - No recent surges in contributions
  - Follow-ups will be done for pledge commitments that haven't yet come through
  - We are still accepting pledges
  
- Building Update – Update
  - Structure drawings are 33% complete
  - Once 60% complete, more accurate cost estimations from General Contractor can be done.
  - Our spend cap is \$4.5M (includes \$270K architect fee) This does not include FFE.
  - To stay within budget, contractor will provide recommendations for cost cutting options.
  - Final drawings and cost will be reviewed with the Diocese again in October.
  - Goal is to plan a “breaking ground” ceremony in Nov. 2017, with actual ground breaking to commence in Jan. 2018
  
- Healing the Whole Person Event
  - No cost for participants
  - Will be open to members of our parish and community only
  - Goal is for Registration page to be operational by end of July. The Pastoral Council (PC) will test the page.
  - Susan reviewed the tentative schedule and will forward a copy to the PC members.

- Fr. Melesio
  - Father was very busy his first week. Receptions after all the Masses were held this past week and another reception from the Hispanic community will happen this Friday.
  - Fr. Melesio will spend the majority of his time at SMDP (1/2 to 2/3) with the remainder being split between Blanco and Wimberley. His primary focus will be on the Hispanic ministries at these 3 parishes. We're still working through dates for the other two locations.
  - He will spend Mondays at SMDP to cover Fr. Charlie's day off
  - We are currently experimenting with a 5:30PM Mass and confessions on Monday and potentially daily Spanish Mass on Thursday evenings. New Mass days/times will not be formally published in the bulletin until confirmed and approved by the Bishop.
  - Fr. Melesio will also cover some Sunday evening Masses to give Fr. Charlie an opportunity to be more involved with the Life Teen group.
- Parish Hall Wall
  - There was a structural issue with the Parish Hall wall where AC units are located that caused a safety concern. The wall was replaced at a cost of \$7,400. (it was not covered by insurance)
- 8:15 Mass
  - There will be a slight change to the music at this Mass beginning mid-August as the current choir director, Barbara Manson, is leaving due to her commitments at the Cathedral.
  - The organ will continue to be used, with songs selected only from the Heritage Missal. There will be less chant type music, but will try and retain the same Responsorial Psalm music as a result of positive feedback on that approach.

## **Old Business**

- Encountering Jesus/Encuentro con Jesus Experience
  - Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 6,13,20,27, Oct.4,11
  - This event series is being offered to the community vs just parish wide. Our outreach should be anyone we know; at work, neighbors, fallen away relatives, grocery clerks etc. And should include disengaged parishioners.
  - It will be held in the church from 6:00 – 7:15PM (English) and Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:45PM (Spanish)
  - It is intended to be an annual event.
  - A brochure is being created that will explain more about the series.
  - The brochure will be handed out after Masses (TBD) in addition to being emailed to Ministry Leaders for their promotion to membership.
  - Fr. Charlie will provide a brief overview and invitation to the congregation at all the Masses (date TBD).
  - Susan will work with Kevin Kapchinsky to confirm our PC role.

## **New Business**

- Ministry Leader Newsletter
  - Reminder of QML 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
    - Need for a young adult groups and activities
  - Agreement reached by the PC to create a monthly newsletter keeping content simple (1-2-page max)
  - Include an "idea/thought of the month", promote the Encountering Jesus experience etc.
  - Researching "MailChimp" for email distribution
  - PC will review and provide feedback on drafts prior to distribution
  - Susan Bonner and Dan Wierzbowski will serve as the content authors

## **Announcements**

Next PC meeting, Thurs Aug 24th, 2017 @ 7:00pm – Pat will run the meeting

**Closing Prayer** offered by Susan Bonner to conclude the meeting.

**Meeting Concluded** at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted – Chery Lutz