

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, August 24, 2017 – 7:00PM

In Attendance: Patrick Manning, Steve Fournier, Angie Reynolds, Chery Lutz and Dan Wierzbowski – Members; Susan Curran – Finance Committee, 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 July 11, 2017 meeting as written.

Reports

- Virtual/Suggestion Box Comments
 - It was suggested that we not use the Cry Room for storage of food items (i.e. cookies) for events scheduled after Masses. The Pastoral Council (PC) agreed to identify an alternative storage location for future events and communicate accordingly.
 - A parishioner asked whether the parish sends out Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, cards, etc., to fellow parishioners when appropriate. Confirmed that Jenny Lee does handle this process.

- Financial Presentation to Parish 9/9-10
 - Susan Curran reviewed the Cash Flow and Balance Sheet for the new Fiscal Year (7/1/17 – 6/30/18) with the PC
 - The Comments on the Budget FY 2018 for Receipts and Expenditures can be found on page 1 of the budget handout
 - This information will be provided to the parish as an insert in the bulletin the weekend of September 9-10

- Capital Campaign – Update
 - \$3,166,710 in pledges committed
 - \$1,361,467 in pledges collected
 - \$1.8M needed to break ground
 - Fr. Charlie will provide an update and “last chance” push during weekend Masses Sept. 9-10

- Building Update – Update
 - Need \$450-500K to break ground
 - Projecting a December “ceremonial” ground breaking with actual ground breaking to occur in Jan. 2018
 - The 66% construction drawings target has been met
 - Targeting late October for 100% completion of drawings and lock in of bid out phase with the architect
 - Cost cutting options continue to be reviewed/considered due to additional Dripping Springs building code specification requirements
 - Fr. Charlie asked for any plumber recommendations. (Pat Manning will reach out to Mike Monaghan with name)

- 8:15 Mass/Choir Director – Update
 - Staff shuffling/reallocation of duties were made recently due to Barbara Manson's departure
 - Thomas Dale's position has moved to parish accompanist and he will just be responsible for accompaniment
 - Kevin will become the Director of Worship and Evangelization. This means that Kevin will oversee the parish music program and continue to oversee the High School Faith Formation Program.
 - Deacon Edward will become the Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation. This means that Deacon Edward will continue his current duties minus overseeing of Hispanic Ministry. Deacon Edward's new duties will be to oversee the Elementary, Middle School and High School Faith Formation staff.
 - Kyle Nesrsta (Pastoral Year Seminarian) will oversee our Middle School EDGE Program with Kevin's guidance. Kevin will finish up this year's High School Confirmation class but that duty will be reallocated in the future.
 - Fr. Melesio continues as our Associate Pastor and is coordinating our Hispanic Ministry.
 - These changes took effect Aug. 24th with September being a month for the transition.
 - Fr. Charlie is taking parishioner feedback into account when considering changes to the music format/theme for all Masses. (8:15 Mass – Traditional, 5PM Saturday/11:00AM Sunday – Contemporary, 5:00PM Sunday – Modern Praise and Worship)
 - The worship aide at the 8:15AM Mass will be discontinued
 - Bill Green will serve as music "Lead" for the 8:15AM Mass and report to Kevin
 - Going forward, any new music material will be introduced and practiced with the congregation prior to Mass starting

- Offertory Videos – 8/26-27, 9/2-3, 9/9-10
 - Three Videos have been created for the purpose of educating parishioners on where their contributions are going (Facilities/Maintenance, Pastoral, Faith Formation)
 - These will be shown during offertory at the Mass dates mentioned above
 - The PC is encouraged to listen for feedback from parishioners and share back to the council.

- Other
 - Discussed that video screens in Church will be brought back into use during the 1:30 Spanish Mass going forward

Old Business

- Encountering Jesus – Update
Aug. 30, Sept. 6,13,20,27, Oct.4,11
 - Pamphlet was sent to Ministry Leaders (ML) to distribute to their members to encourage participation (these pamphlets will also be provided to parishioners the weekend of Aug 26-27 after Mass)
 - Deacon Ed –is handling communication to the Liturgical Ministers

- Fr. Charlie issued a personal challenge to PC members to bring one person with you (preferably a lapse/disengaged catholic or non-catholic)
- Parents of First Communicants are required to attend either Encountering Jesus or Healing the Whole Person
- Ministry Leader Newsletter – “Ministry Mentor”
 - Mentoring suggestions – How can PC help mentor Ministry Leaders?
 - Action -- Upcoming Ministry Newsletter --- include suggestions on how to promote and increase membership for Ministry Fair recruitment
 - Action -- Set date for “check-in” with ML. PC to help with facilitation of brainstorming/discussion on how to improve our ministry services.
 - Action – assign a PC member as a mentor to a specific ministry
 - Push for participation; Building Campaign
 - Ask ML’s to challenge their ministry membership for 100% “participation” in the building campaign (any amount)
 - Include a quote from scripture to accompany this challenge to ML’s that ties into “giving” what you can (regardless of amount)

New Business

- How can we increase/promote younger Adult Ministry?
 - Fr. Melesio is looking into for Spanish community, Kevin Kapchinsky will be focused on younger families (i.e. “Theology on tap”)
- After careful deliberation, the Hill Country Shoot-out will be postponed to Sept. 2 due to Hurricane Harvey

Announcements

- Fall Ministry Fair – Weekend of October 14 and 15
- Next PC meeting, Tuesday, September 12th @ 7:00pm

Closing Prayer offered by Fr. Charlie

Meeting Concluded at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted – Chery Lutz