

## Pastoral Council Minutes

August 28, 2018

**Attendance:** Evelin Vazquez, Father Tetzl, Katie Edmonds, Laura Plancarte, Mary Fogarty, Josiah Kelley, Garrett Wolfard, Jenelle Gasper

**Opening Reflection:** Mary Fogarty – Prayer of “Our Lady, Undoer of Knots”

### **Youth Group/Hispanic Ministry Update - Father Tetzl:**

- Youth Group final registration form and advertising heavily to both Hispanic and English youth are first on Jesus list.
- No seminarian to help with YG, faith formation, but there will be 2 seminarians to help in RCIA. Father Tetzl and Jesus will work on options for those who only speak Spanish. Jesus is planning on using a group to support teaching and activities.
- Youth Group for High Schoolers will meet Sundays from 6:30PM – 8PM and for Middle School on Wednesdays from 3:30PM – 5PM. “*Life Teen*” will be resource for both.
- Jesus attended 2 workshops through the Archdiocese this summer and will be going to a training in Texas, “Encuentro” in September.
- Evelin asked about marriage prep-what process she should tell interested parties they should begin with? Father Tetzl would like couples interested in marriage to make an appointment with him to meet and discuss. Father will work on a list of requirements to post on our website.
- Evelin also stressed the importance of making sure the cleaning staff knows the church activity schedule. The Charismatic Prayer group had to move for cleaning at the last minute and it was very disruptive to the participants.

### **Office/Staff Updates – Father Tetzl:**

- Hispanic and English positions have been filled for Confirmation. Father Tetzl would like
- Confirmation will meet 2 Sundays a month from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. The schedule is later by 2 weeks this Fall. They will be using 3 resources; *UCAT*; *Chosen*; *Decision Point*. Hispanic confirmation workers have all been trained. English volunteers will have their training on August 29<sup>th</sup>. All workers will have their training/background checks completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes.
- Father Tetzl has a list of parishioners from our survey who would like to volunteer in the office. Jenny works on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Hilda and Jesus have been taking turns on Monday and Thursdays but will soon be too busy with programs beginning.

### **Right to Life Group Activities – Mary Fogarty:**

- An outside group supporting Right to Life activities would like to give away some bumper stickers and signs to our parish. Parish Council approved these items being made available after masses.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Rosary and Prayer service at 11AM for the unborn.

### **Parish Survey Results – Katie Edmonds:**

- Results of all English and everything except Hispanic comments were handed to Council for review.
- Some items mentioned: Church bulletin is most used tool for information on parish activities, etc.

- Survey takers seem to think the handling of our finances and involvement in the community is “okay”.
- Our office can “email blast” parishioners if necessary. We would like to look at “Flock Note” for youth group to keep them aware of things going on – for instance, maybe a friend needs prayer or Jesus has a verse he wants to share, etc.
- Father Tetzal would like the council to take this survey information home, read and take notes. Please bring to next council meeting for discussion.

**Miscellaneous – Katie Edmonds:**

- Katie has emailed possible presenters for a Fall presentation of Advance Directive Information in English – with possible repeat in Spanish but has gotten no response. Hilda would like to use this as an Adult Forum topic this year. Father Tetzal said he would help in getting some responses.
- Father Tetzal has been approached by the Carmelites who are interested in holding a fund raiser honoring Mary at our church. They are hoping for an evening after a Saturday vigil mass in December. This would not be open to the public – attendees would be invited. The council just wanted to make sure this would not interfere with any regularly scheduled events (Ad Lucem, Posadas).

**REMINDERS:**

**September 25 @ 7PM is our next PC Meeting**