

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for 6/25/2019

**In Attendance:** Father Tetzl, Kat Wilson, Katie Edmonds, Eliseo Herrera, Marco Vargas, Annmarie Hare, Jenelle Gasper

**Absent:** Josiah Kelley, Garrett Wolfard, Evelin Vasquez, Susan Crandall

**Opening Prayer:** Katie Edmonds

**Parish Update from Fr. Tetzl:**

- This is last meeting of the Fiscal year
- This Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, is the Parish picnic
- July 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for our school building clean-up
- Father Tetzl has met with 19 couples preparing for marriage so far
- Father Tetzl is hoping to present a letter to our Parish about survey results in July
- We will soon have a permanent Deacon in our Parish (James Thurman)
- There will be some staffing changes in our office this Summer
- There is a training for those assisting the Homebound coming up soon
- July 10<sup>th</sup> is a staff development day. The office may close at noon?

**Pastoral Plan Discussion:**

The Council focused on “**Building Catholic Knowledge & Culture**”, points 1 – 6

1. To foster a desire for life-long faith formation
2. Provide ongoing faith formation opportunities, encouragement, and resources for Catholics of all ages and stages of life that reflect the multicultural needs of the parish.
3. Thoughtfully balance the number of children in each class with the availability of classroom space – smaller class sizes in separate rooms preferred over large classes with extra catechists – consider combining very small classes
  - RE all held at same time
  - Bilingual RE
  - Annual Lenten Retreats
  - Share our cultural heritages with each other. ***Advent Fair, Divine Mercy Sunday, Stations of the Cross, Parish Picnic, Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Saint Juan Diego. Possibility for the future: Mardi Gras – Kermes Festival as a fundraiser?***
4. To provide adequate formation and training of catechists and provide parents with materials, experiences, training, resources and role models in support and strengthening of their role as the primary educators of the faith. ***This is ongoing. Catechists met on May 4<sup>th</sup> to evaluate the past year. They would still like more time for faith formation between masses. Father Tetzl wants to limit changes this year and masses will remain on their current schedule. Religious Education will continue to be bilingual with more emphasis on sacramental preparation – especially for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Father Tetzl is looking for bilingual catechists to possibly combine 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades into one class. Middle School and High School will remain separate. On-going training and regular meetings with other catechists to plan, encourage and pray. Franciscan University training with practical tips, etc. will soon be on our website.***
5. Encourage the life-long study of the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition. ***Part of all faith formation***
6. Promote a fuller understanding and participation of the Sacraments. ***Everything flows from the Eucharist***

7. To celebrate the richness and diversity of the liturgical seasons and promote their deeper understanding including the different rites and traditions. *Part of faith formation*

**All Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:**

Tentative date of August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30PM. Catered dinner for volunteers. Hilda Kleiman and Jenny Aker will oversee details.

**Pastoral Assembly in November:**

Father Tetzl would like a council member from both the Hispanic and Angelo communities to attend with him.

**Next Meeting:** August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM (NO JULY MEETING)