

PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING
November 2, 2017

Donna Ferrer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Fr. Brandon said Opening Prayer.

Fr. Brandon explained tonight's meeting will be run a little different to accommodate those who would like to attend All Soul's Masses and a purposal from the school.

Presentation of the Schools Construction Project- Rose Herold and Lisa Dobbins

Rose introduced the idea of redoing the playground and needs your support and prayers for this project.

Lisa a parent at our school is excited about this idea and is pleased to be here. Purpose of the playground project is to create an environment of safety and fun and continuation beautification from the Plaza into the school play yard. The elements for the playground project are to get a new play structure for all ages and shade even when it is warmer, proved shade and curb appeal. It would add a cooling effect to the black top that gets very hot when sun rays radiate off the buildings and roof. Some elements include: potting trees near benches along the classroom buildings. Grass fields for sports play. Adding shade structure on the west side of the play yard next to the library building. Trained vines on Church Street along the wrought iron fence behind play structure to create privacy and add to curb appeal. Total cost for this project would be \$200,000. We would love your support and feedback in moving forward with this project.

Small Group Discussion:

Fr. Brandon asked to discuss in small groups 3 pros and 3 cons about Schools Play Yard Project and if you yourself would support the effort? Do you think others in your ministry would as well?

Large Group Discussion:

Petal Reports

Fr. Brandon wanted to make clear that the Plaza is already paid for by benefactors and no Sunday offerings would be used for this project. Whatever parishioners put in there Sunday offerings is being used for our church's up keep and paying of the employees. If people want to support this project and if it moves forward, then they that's when you can donate to the project.

Fr. Brandon excused those who would like to attend mass at this time.

Liturgy Petal Minutes

Person Submitting the Notes

First Name: Pati

Last Name: McKinstry

Petal Discussion

Ministries Check-In: Deacon Tom & Kim Driscoll, Tony Moreno, Priscilla McMillan, Marivi Quesada, Gloria Velasco, Jesus Cervantes, Jesus Herrera, Rita Ban, Thomas Moran, Anita Oaxaca, Pati McKinstry

General Discussion: At the individual group meeting, the Liturgy petal discussed: • Installation of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the plaza is on schedule and should be done soon. Dedication date to be announced. • Deacon Tom will be holding meetings with all ministries in the Liturgy Petal in the next few weeks.

Response to Parish Question (If one is asked.): • The Liturgy Petal considered the question of the school proposed construction project: Pros = the benefits to the school children Cons = 1. Will the yard be open to parking; surface strong enough to handle it, will there still be drop off/pick up of children 2. How long will the shade structures last; will they need to be replaced every few years, what is the maintenance on them? 3. How will the trees be maintained and what is the continuing cost of that? 4. The trees in the planters look like they can become root bound and/or 'top heavy'; is that a safety concern? 5. Will this project be done in phases over several months/years? 6. Will asking for donations for this project affect the yearly request for more funds for the running of the Parish?

Catholic Fellowship Minutes

Person Submitting the Notes

First Name: Gladys

Last Name: Bates

Petal Discussion

Ministries Check-In: Gladys Bates, Garden Angel's Representative

General Discussion: What we discussed in our Petal Meeting mainly was the pros and cons of suggesting renovation of the School Grounds. Pros: more appealing grounds, cooler environment for the children, raising the funds won't be a problem, parish and school will come together in building improvements. Cons: no trees in pots, they should be planted in the ground, additional cost for landscaping maintenance, how to raise the funds.

Response to Parish Question (If one is asked.): Some of the Petals members were concerned about financing the estimated cost of \$200,000 for the School ground's renovation. Father Brandon was clear in explaining that this renovation won't be financed by the mass collections. This will require separate donations given by the people who will support the project and want this to happen. Like the Plaza is paid in full from the large donations of people supporting the plaza and donating large amount for this to be done.

Social Justice Minutes

Person Submitting the Notes

First Name: Janice

Last Name: Roth

We were given a proposed plan to rejuvenate the school playground and asked to provide pros and cons.

Pros: It would enhance school and parish, change of playground equipment to include younger children (current equipment it for older children) is a good thing.

Cons: Expense to keep grass and plants green is ongoing, proposed grass area is too small and divides the area into small parts that would not accommodate kickball games, etc., how would vendors get into the hall? (Presently they use the ramps in the playground which would be blocked by the grass and tree planter), if emergency vehicles need to enter the playground area they would have to go thru the grassy

area if it is too wet they can get stuck, how about some shade structures suitable for solar panels? Is the grassy area behind the Kindergarten building.. utilized? Maybe adding playground equipment in that area could be considered.

Faith Formation Petal Minutes

Person Submitting the Notes

First Name: Cheri

Last Name: Evans

Pros/Cons to St. School Playground Revision

Pros:

Religious education students will also benefit in hot weather from the playground improvements.

A more appealing appearance for the purpose of marketing the school.

Addition of shade has health benefits.

Safety of children on the new playground equipment.

Cons:

The size of the grass area is small and not of realistic value for playing sports.

Parking lot access for food delivery for major events will be eliminated.

Additional parking for which the playground had been occasionally used will be eliminated.

Additional maintenance required by the trees and grass.

Overall, our group felt the Parish will be in support of the project as would we.

School Petal Minutes

Person Submitting the Notes

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **Torell**

Petal Discussion- Playground Presentation

Pros of Playground Project: 1. Increase Safety (removing existing play structure and replace with more age appropriate structure as well as creating a vegetative screen. 2. Cool down playground (by increasing greenery and adding a shade structure, the playground will be cooler and more usable during hot days). 3. Marketability of School (building off the aesthetic quality of the plaza, we can add to the parish campus by improving the playground area)

Cons of Playground Project: 1. Increased costs of maintenance with lawn area and tree debris. 2. Timeline and schedule of construction not interrupting the school year.

Affirmations:

Harvest Fest committee did a really nice job having the Harvest Fest in the plaza.

The School's entrance looks amazing.

Affirming what a great job Tom Dawe and his Grandson are doing with the lights in the Plaza.

Pastor's Report- Fr. Brandon Ware

Fr. Brandon was pleased to announce the new religious community in our parish in Thornton. Fr. Joseph played a huge role in bringing the new religious community to Thornton.

Fr. Brandon welcomed Fr. Bala who is the new priest in our Parish.

Fr. Brandon welcomed Ray who is the new Director in Building and Maintenance.

Fr. Brandon announced that this month Stewardship will be spoken about at every mass. This weekend (Nov. 4-5) a video will be shown. Next weekend (Nov. 11-12) a speaker at every mass. On the third weekend (Nov. 18-19) Father will say a few words.

Petal Business- Donna Ferrer

Donna announced the Individual Petal Presentations will be this year. A handout was given showing the dates for each Petals Presentation. There will be no Processing in of banners; banners will already be hung. Just a broad description of the Petal is needed to be said before mass starts. After mass, each ministry from that Petal will have a table in the Plaza. A board with pictures and information about your ministry is needed for your table.

Donna asked if any of the groups would like to take over Name Tag Sunday for set up and clean up? It's on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Think about it and let her know, if interested.

Donna asked if anyone was opposed to having a Guadalupe Novena, 9 days before and ending on the 12th. It would be Bilingual and in the evening.

Donna asked if anyone was opposed to having a Marriage Encounter speaker in the month of December to speak at all the masses, on one weekend.

Announcement/ Approved Handouts:

Thanksgiving Day Mass- Thus., Nov. 23rd 9:00 am Bilingual Mass

Feast of Christ the King- Sun., Nov. 26th Adoration 3:00pm-4:00pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception- Fri., Dec. 8th- Parish Office & Chapel Closed

Daughters of Isabella Christmas Dinner- Sat., Dec. 9th

Our Lady of Guadalupe- Tue., Dec. 12th

Advent Communal Penance Service- Tue., Dec. 19th

Posadas- Fri., Dec. 15th- Sat. Dec., 23rd

Christmas Masses- Sun., Dec. 24th and Mon., Dec. 25th

Final Announcements:

Donna reminded the note takers to please fill out the Online Form and submit your minutes by Monday, November 6th.

Donna reminded everyone to please be sure to communicate with your Ministry what you heard here at tonight's meeting. Especially about the Schools Playground Proposal.

Donna thanked the St. Anne's School and Youth & Young Adult Petal for providing the refreshments for tonight's meeting.

Donna announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, January 4th and the Faith Formation Petal is asked to please provide the refreshments for that meeting.

Fr. Brandon reminded everyone to please support the events that are happening in the Parish and talk to your ministries about the school proposal. Fr. Brandon said that it's important to report back how your ministries feel about the school's playground proposal.

Fr. Brandon said a prayer and then we all prayed the Our Father together.