

St. Anne's Pastoral Council Meeting

August 16, 2012

In attendance: Father Brandon, Annette Murdaca, Joan Cahill, Tom Driscoll, Cheri Evans, Frank Flores, Cristiana Herrera, Juan Herrera, Glenn Lewis, Armando Moreno, Jesus Perez

The meeting opened with Adoration, Evening Prayer, and Benediction in the chapel.

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction of the new members of the council followed by an inspiring and informative orientation to the history and purpose of Pastoral Councils given by Mnsgr. Bob Silva from Linden.

The business part of the meeting began with the approval of the June meeting minutes.

Finance Council Report: Tom Driscoll reported that the finance council meets quarterly and that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Petal Committee Reports: Donna was unable to report due to assisting with CCD registration.

Youth Program: The Bishop has asked us to make youth a priority. Currently, half of the St. Anne's budget goes toward youth programs. Tony Moreno is St. Anne's Youth Director.

Thornton Petal Report: No report

Pastor's Report: Father Brandon

- Day of Reflection Review – very successful day appreciated by all in attendance. The full presentation of the annual report of the Parish and its ministries presented at the event can be viewed on the Parish website.
- Catholic Charities – St. Anne's, Catholic Charities, and the Salvation Army together will be opening a Homeless Mother Drop In Center on the St. Anne's campus. St. Anne's is providing the facility, Catholic Charities is providing the staffing, and the Salvation Army will direct mothers in need to the center. Catholic Charities will be conducting a needs assessment to assist us with the provision of services and will also be providing a full-time staff member. Catholic Charities is currently providing parenting classes primarily in Spanish held on Monday evenings in Rm. 6 at St. Anne's School.
- Street Closure Update – a brief description of the Community Plaza afforded by the street closure, its park-like atmosphere, outdoor Stations of the Cross, and water feature was given. On Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00PM, a BBQ will be held to which all the residential neighbors surrounding St. Anne's have been invited in an effort to share with them our plan and obtain their input. At this time five neighbors have RSVP'd. Father Brandon asked the members of the Pastoral Council to attend, if possible.
- Pastoral Plan – Christopher Maricle has been hired as facilitator to assist with the development of the Pastoral Plan. He will be assembling a committee of seven volunteers to assist him in brainstorming an viable plan.

Pastor's Report cont'd

- Name Tag Sunday –
 - Father asked us to take ownership of Name Tag Sunday (3rd Sunday) by being at each of the Masses to shake hands and distribute name tags. Joan Cahill graciously volunteered to Chair this project and thereby facilitate the assignment of Masses amongst our members.
 - Also on the 3rd Sunday, parishioners will be encouraged to patronize our local Catholic-owned businesses, the Parish Catholic Business Directory will be available to hand out, and new advertisers will be welcomed.
- Fr. Mario is anxious to provide social justice outreach services to the Spanish community. In an effort to prevent duplication of services, Jesus Perez graciously offered to assist him by providing transportation and introduction to the services that are already in place, such as Lodi House, Crisis Pregnancy Center, etc.

Annette handed out to all those in attendance the book, “Making Parish Councils Pastoral,” and encouraged us all to read it as soon as possible. She will be providing books to those members unable to attend and will notify them in the near future of when they can pick up their copy in the Parish office.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on September 20th at 7:00PM.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheri Evans.