

# Santa Catalina Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## April 22, 2014

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Marlyn Gutierrez [Not Present], Laura Oldaker , Bernie Murphy , Dacia Daigle , Diana Larroque , Tim Mossman , Bruce Uhl , Fr. Larry Sanders , Maddie Hubly , Steve Chavez , Deacon Al De La Riva [Not Present], Joe Rink , John Elofson , Ginny Pergantis

7:02 PM Call to order by Bernie Murphy

Opening prayer led by Fr. Larry

John made a motion to approve March minutes, Ginny seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **Patio/Ramada**

Father Larry presents plans for Patio/Ramada, council offered some feedback, next building committee meeting is April 28th at 2pm, and approximate cost for project may be between \$30K and \$50K. Council agrees project is worthy. Removing sales and solicitations from church entrance and providing numerous parish fellowship opportunities.

#### **Listening sessions**

Father wants to do another session of listening sessions in June; Pima County Interfaith Council staff can be the facilitator again. Suggested time frame for June but is flexible. Question brought up about winter visitors having left and is it a good time. Father thinks the people who will likely attend are the year-round parishioners, same as attended last year's session conducted in April. A survey monkey questionnaire was discussed. Also, discussed was the prospect of not having a session but reaching out to our parishioners to follow up on our last listening sessions. Fr. Larry advised of a project of starting regular e-mail blasts to parishioners in addition to the bulletin.

#### **New Parishioners Welcoming Committee**

The next breakfast is May 18th after 9am mass. Joe has put together a Standard Operating Procedure for the committee. One of the challenges is getting the new parishioners to commit to joining a ministry and getting involved in the parish. Ginny suggested placing personal follow up calls and expects a better response from people.

Joe reiterated a need a new Chair for the committee. Bernie offered to take over Chairing committee following end of term of council chair. In the interim, he will reach out and ask for help from all pastoral council members.

#### **Strong Catholic Families**

John, Deb, Justin, Laura, Lupita, Carol and Fr Larry attended the training. Lupita will be a trainer but will be sent to another parish. We will be trained by someone from outside the parish. Program is nationwide and aims to strengthen

families through strengthening the faith of the parents so the family is the primary educator of children's faith. Next step is scheduling a presenter from the diocese to present at SCC. Time lines for program are not set but expect a long term commitment from parish.

## **New Business**

### **Growing Pains!**

We are currently going through growing pains as parishioner numbers are increasing. Pastoral council should be leaders after Fr. Larry (Pastor) of the parish. Fr Larry would like to see more involvement and advocacy from the Pastoral Council. It was suggested that we should have a liaison in each ministry representing the Pastoral council. Several members asked that we are allowed to look at finances, so council members can do a better job advocating for the parish. PC would like to see a balance sheet each month emailed with agenda so PC has enough time to review. Council members need to actively correct rumors and speculation that seem to continue within the parish.

### **Comments from Fr Larry**

Oracle Rd construction project is at a standstill. We are still paying the police traffic control which is not on the budget. The cost, for the time being, it is being covered by a gift.

### **Around the room:**

Maddie- Youth group is going very well. Things are changing for the good. Group not going to Steubenville this year since deadline is past.

Joe- Thank you everyone for the help with the Welcome Committee.

Diana- Great job with the decorations for the lent and Easter season, and the liturgies were great.

Laura- Please start thinking about the reason of why we are not having luck involving the parishioners so we can start having a conversation around that.

Tim- Market on the Move is doing great but can use more volunteers. RCIA just finished receiving their sacraments. Program went exceedingly well this year. Can we have a guest book for new parishioners and visitors so we can follow-up?

Steve- Cinco de Mayo is coming up! Please invite everyone you know!

Dacia- Readers at the Triduum services were phenomenal!

Bruce- Easter liturgies were wonderful!

John- Great meeting today

**Next meeting: May 27th @7pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm