

## **Minutes of Sept. 23<sup>th</sup> 2014 Pastoral Council Meeting**

In attendance Fr. Larry, John Elofson, Dacia Daigle, Bruce Uhl, Tim Mossman, Diana Larroque, Steve Chavez and Bernie Murphy.

Meeting called to order by Bernie Murphy at 7:02pm

Opening prayer led by Fr. Larry

The meeting opened with a presentation by the Social Awareness Ministry. They provided an update on a proposed Immigration and Border Action Plan being put together by the ministry. Mike Bulba and Sister Jean outlined the plan with other members addressing sections of the plan. Pastoral Council members thanked them for their presentation. Several members noted they would need to review the plan more closely before they could ask questions or comment.

### **Old Business**

No new update on the Oracle Road project nor any response on the parish land proposal from the county. Fr. Larry did note that the retaining wall being built roadside would not impact the location of a driveway if the purchase goes through.

Fr. Larry noted the architectural drawings of the proposed patio cover were displayed in the Narthex of the Church for parishioner review and comments. He said there would need to be a decision made on how to fund the project if it goes forward as capital funds would not be used. While something that would eliminate congestion on front of the church and provide other value to parish events it is not a priority.

Bernie gave an update of the New Parishioner Welcome Program. There were 17 attendees (inc. children) for the September breakfast. All went well. Several of the attendees have already become involved with the Liturgy Ministry as well as St. Vincent DePaul. Diana noted that she really enjoyed welcoming new parishioners and found her phone calls made her feel proud to be Catholic.

With the cancellation of the parish picnic it was decided to forgo the Ministry Fair and designate a Ministry Weekend as an alternative. Each ministry is to provide an insert for the bulletin, make a short introduction prior of Mass and man a table outside the Church to answer questions and provide literature to interested parishioners.

## New Business

A Volunteer Appreciation Program was being put together to recognize ministry volunteers. More information will follow.

Fr. Larry said he would like to conduct another Listening Session Program in January to touch the seasonal parishioners. A discussion took place on the difference between the Listening Session and the Parish Hall Meeting. Fr. Larry pointed out the difference in information gathered from each and proposed a Listening Session in first quarter followed up with a Parish Hall Meeting later. The item will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

## Around the room

Tim Mossman provided an update on Market on the Move (MOM) which is now known as Produce on Wheels, Without Waste (POWWOW). Program remains unchanged. He also updated the council on RCIA and advised that to previous participants in the RCIA program had become engaged.

Steve Chavez noted the Youth Mass was a wonderful mass to attend and recommended everyone should have the experience.

Dacia said she was concerned that a greater effort was not made to hold the picnic. Despite the inability to secure a clear date in November other dates should be pursued as the young families in the parish enjoy the event and benefit greatly from the community aspect of the program. Bernie suggested we put the topic on the agenda for the next meeting and look at dates after the new year.

John Elofson said a new class of alter servers is starting and looked forward to adding to the group. He also noted that as the incoming Pastoral Council Chairman he would be looking for an assistant chair and asked everyone to consider volunteering.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM