

Pastoral Meeting 4/19/16

Attendees: Fr. Larry, Steve Chavez, Diana Larroque, Joe Liske, Camilo Gotay, Pam Gomez, Dave Cathcart

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM

Opening Prayer by Fr. Larry

February 23, 2016 Minutes approved

Easter Celebrations: The over-flow Masses were full as well as the church. We rented a stage for the over-flow Mass and received comments that it was nice for those sitting in the back of the room to be able to see the altar. We will be purchasing a stage for events such as this and other occasions. We did have music at all Masses. Received positive feedback on services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter celebrations. The altar decorations were very nice as well. Father Larry would like to know if anyone received comments on ways to improve going forward. We believe it was more crowded this year since Easter was early.

The parking lot worked out well. Traffic seemed to keep moving. It was asked if we were going to install a second gate. Not at this time since they are expensive. The initial gate was put up to keep campers from using the lot. We no longer have that issue.

Ministries: John is looking into different ministries to invite to council meetings to gain an understanding of their organizations. Please let him know if there is a specific organization you would like to have invited.

New Parishioners Program: Fr. Larry was concerned that we seemed to have lost focus on this program. Diana will get this going again in the fall. There is only one more breakfast before the summer and Fr. Larry will not be here that Sunday. We can get the names of the new parishioners from Venus. As far as we know, Venus is still mailing welcome packages.

Cinco de Mayo: Prior to this event being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, we discussed how the event was going to be handled this year. We were bringing in a food truck company to cater the event. Everyone was to pay cash to purchase food from the food truck vendors and they would donate 10% of their profit to the Church. Tickets would have been sold separately for the beer and margarita booth. There was entertainment scheduled. (I noticed this was cancelled when reviewing the on-line bulletin for May 1.)

New Business Manager: Margaret Yonkovich was hired for the position. She comes to us with 30 years of experience. She was also one of the parishioners who was Confirmed Easter Saturday through the RCIA program.

Summer Meeting Schedule: The next pastoral council meeting is May 24th at 7 P.M. There will be no meeting in June. Our next meeting after May will be July 26th at 7 P.M. If we do not need the July meeting, Father will let us know.

Change to 5 P.M. Mass: Currently the 5 P.M. Mass is billed as Life Teen Mass. In the future it will just be a regular Mass. There are not a lot of teens who attend this Mass. The original intent was to get teens involved as ushers, lectors, greeters. Some of the teens will be incorporated into the regular Mass for these roles. St. Mark's Life Teen Mass didn't work either. We may do a teen Mass once a month or have Mass before a Life Teen meeting. Not sure yet.

St. Mark's also cancelled their 5 P.M. Sunday Mass so we have picked up some of their parishioners at our Mass. There is still a good turn-out for this Mass.

Pastoral Council Members: If you know of anyone who would like to be a member let Fr. Larry know. Fr. will speak with Alex Jovelet and Ruben Cajillagas to see if they are interested.

Family Life Coordinator: This is a new position to help bridge the gap between Confirmation and going to college/young families. That demographic is growing. We had 19 Baptisms last year. This summer we have 4 weddings scheduled. Pilar will assume this new role.

Bulletin: Expanded from 12 to 14 pages. Enables us to add more announcements in Spanish and reach out to the Spanish speaking community. Gives us an extra page of advertisements and we can put items/events on the back page.

The Living Rosary - May 1st: Starts at 1 P.M. followed by an ice cream social. Hope to hold it under the patio this year.

One Parish App: There is a new app coming to the Parish. There will be information sessions after all Masses on April 30th and May 1st. Once downloaded, you can specify your Parish and access pastor's notes, bulletins, daily inspirations and you can make your donations to the church via credit card. There are other parishes using this or something similar and it has been well received.

Other Misc. Items:

Fr. Larry is going on vacation in May (sorry, didn't capture which week but I think it's the 3rd week) and last two weeks of June (14th - 28th). Will be in Chandler 3 days week of 4/25 for a meeting with other priests.

About 150 people attended the concert Alex put on. It was well received.

Appreciate Pilar posting pictures on Facebook and trying to put more on social media site. Someone asked if we could start streaming Mass. Not sure what it would take video-wise. Who would upload it? It's an idea to consider.

Camilo would like to try to reach out to more of the parish community at Christmas. He has already started preparations for Santa Claus/Christmas. Last year there was not a lot of advertisement.

The St. Patrick's Day Party had a good turn-out. The family that bought the dinner with the Redemptorists will schedule something in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.