

Pastoral Council Meeting: May 24, 2016

Attendees: Fr. Larry, John Elofson, Alphonso De La Riva, Camilo Gotay, Ginny Pergantis, Pam Gomez

Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM

Opening Prayer by Fr. Larry

April 19, 2016 minutes approved

Cinco de Mayo – The individual who was responsible for lining up the food truck was unable to meet the deadline/requirement of having the trucks inspected by the fire department. Permits and inspections are required. Food trucks for 2017 are already being reserved. We were able to return items bought for the event.

Young Adult and Family Ministry – Pilar Dougall will start her position 6/27 as Director of Communications and Young Adult and Family Ministry (YAF). The first group she will work with is the Spirit of Motherhood.

Ministry Invitations to attend Pastoral Council Meetings: We did have Joe provide us an update for St. Vincent de Paul. We will ask other ministries to join a meeting starting in September. John will send out invitations to line up the organizations.

Summer Pastoral Council Schedule – no meeting in June. As of now plan on meeting in July. Need to start thinking about parish picnic so we are not doing this last minute. Keith planned it last year. The park has to be lined up. Keith has offered to help but will not be in the lead role.

Father will be in Italy June 14th – 28th with the group from the Parish.

Bishop Retirement – He wants to stay and retire in Tucson. Once his retirement is approved, it can take up to 8 months to replace him. His retirement will not impact our Parish.

One Parish App – Would like all council members to be connected. A suggestion was made to post deaths/funerals to the app. The app is free 1st year and then \$89/month for the parish. They will take % of donations they process and if that amount is high enough won't charge for the app. There is a fee for making donations using the app. Other parishes that have used this have actually seen an increase in total donations which off-sets processing fees.

New Parishioner's Breakfast – talked about getting this program going again. We haven't contacted new parishioners with a phone call in a while even though we say we will in their welcome package. Bernie Murphy was pushing to do this and Diana Laroque is part the program. Great tool to get people involved in the church. John will ask Diana about it.

New council member – discussed the possibility of adding new members. Fr. Larry did talk to Ruben Cajillagas and he would be willing to join us. He has not talked to Alex Jovelet and is going

to hold off for now. Do not think it is necessary to add members at this time but good to have a list of potential members. We are not restricted to 12 members but don't want it too large.

Circular median – suggestions have been made that the median outside of the church entrance could be utilized for something. Father did put something in the bulletin to solicit ideas. Have received a few suggestions: sign to post messages; statue of Santa Catalina, Statue of Mary, Crucifix. Leaning towards the Patron Saint of our Church on a pedestal. Maybe add a low wall says Santa Catalina Catholic Church. We would leave the saguaro cactus. Another possibility is to add a cupola with a bell that rings out a hymn. It would not be loud or disruptive to the neighbors surrounding the church. They have one at the Redemptorist Center. (I have attached a URL with a sample of what I think Father is talking about.) Do not want a plaster statue. The artist who did the bronze work on the garden statues may be an option. Most likely will not do a message board. URL for hymn bells: <http://www.chimemaster.com/electronic-carillons>

There was also talk about removing the sign that is near the employee parking lot and possibly place that by the south driveway or just leave the south entrance as is. We may place the flag and memorial garden where this sign is currently located. Nothing has been decided. Might not do anything for a year. Just want to see what feedback we get.

Change of Pastoral Council Chairperson – John is completing his 2nd year as chair. Diana will assume the role in November. To fill her place as vice-chair we will need someone who normally becomes chair 2 years later. Don't think there will be any further changes to the council at that time unless we invite others.

Board of Directors - Carol Fierling is currently the Secretary to the Board of Directors and wishes to step down. Responsibilities are to receive and distribute scripts for the meetings which are held 3 times/year. Also take minutes and distribute those along with any notices to the Board in a timely fashion. It is an important position for the Parish. There is one training session for parishes on a Saturday the end of January. The Board of Directors is necessary to ensure each parish is a separate corporation. Father will appoint someone to fill out Carole's term then the position will be up for election. Term is 2 years and 2 year extension option. Father will put something in the bulletin to see if there is interest.

Comments – around the table. No real comments except for the 11 AM Mass. Attendance is lower but part of that is snowbirds. We only had a dozen people attend the pancake breakfast after this Mass. We have received feedback that the music can be confusing going back and forth between Spanish and English for each verse. Would be easier to follow if the whole song is in one language. Father will speak to Alex before Alex leaves for 6 weeks of summer school in Boston. They appreciated it when Fr. Sean spoke both languages during the Mass. A few suggestions are to have the Priests say part of the Mass in Spanish by getting more comfortable with annunciation; this also goes for lectors. Would be nice to engage more greeters, ministers, and lectors who are bi-lingual. Those who are no longer attending this Mass since we changed it to bi-lingual do not appear to be core parishioners but individuals who go to different churches every Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

