

Pastoral Council Meeting: August 23, 2016

Attendees: Fr. Larry, John Elofson, Joe Liske, Camillo Gotay, Dianna Larroque, Keith Kleppe, Steve Chavez, Alphonso De La Riva, Dave Cathcart, Pam Gomez

Meeting called to order 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer by Fr. Larry

May 24, 2016 minutes approved

Knights of Columbus Flag Pole Project – The flag will be placed at the north end of the property where the current Santa Catalina sign resides (as you come up the driveway.) Landscape boulders have been delivered. There will be 5 large boulders that represent each branch of the service and will have plaques on them. There will be a 6th plaque with the Veterans logo. It will be a very nice tribute to our flag and Veterans. Target completion date is November 11. There is already electricity at this location so the flag will be lit at night. The flagpole will be steel vs. fiberglass. Fiberglass does not hold up in our heat. They have raised \$3K of the \$4K needed. The sign that was in this location will be moved to the south parking lot entrance. It won't be lit and will not be on the road but should be visible.

Circular median – we are not going to do anything with that project at this time. Did get some good ideas. Will look at it again next year.

New parishioner breakfast – the first breakfast of the year will be September 18th. The Knights of Columbus will cover the costs for new parishioners. Tickets will be provided along with the welcome packets and parishioners will have a few months to use the tickets. Working to make sure there is someone there to greet new parishioners as they come for breakfast. Will also have someone representing the different ministries in case someone has questions and wants to get involved. Dianna has called the new parishioners and so far we have 5 couples attending breakfast in September. Some of the new members are snowbirds so we will catch them when they return.

Board of Directors – Terry Mossman will be taking Carol Fierling's place until the next election is held. If no one steps up for the position Terry will be appointed by Father Larry. The Board meets 3 times a year. John will make a presentation on behalf of the Pastoral Council in September.

Parish Picnic – November 13, 2016 – Noon – 5 – Riverside Park – John has reserved all 3 ramadas for our picnic. He has clearance from Golder Ranch Fire Department to use a propane grill. He also make sure there was not any park maintenance scheduled for that day. A recommendation was made to periodically check with the City of Oro Valley to make sure we have not been bumped for another event. We have Keith's notes from last year and Steve Chavez has volunteered to be the focal point. He will work with the different ministries to set up activities/events. We should have someone who will drive/coordinate each event (i.e. pie eating contest, working with the kids, balloon toss, etc.) Try to centralize youth activities and senior activities. Dave will cook the hot dogs again and John will help. They won't start until after the presentation of the Flag. It was suggested we use the flag we will be flying over the Parish and have someone like Mark Pincus fold the flag and explain what each fold means as part of the ceremony. Mark will coordinate that with David. Probably order 250 hot dogs/buns like last year. Will have sign-up sheets again. Name tags with a way to identify Veterans. Suggested have a board listing the events/times at the entry and possibly each ramada. There is electricity to each ramada so we can have music/microphones. We can utilize the Parish portable sound system. Last year we started at 12 and it took about an hour to get everyone settled and people started leaving around 4. Last year we cancelled the 5 P.M. Mass but we won't do that this year. A lot of people that go to that Mass are not necessarily parishioners.

Knights of Columbus – they really do a lot for the Parish and have raised a lot of money for us. We received \$2K from the State raffle; we had \$3k in proceeds from the St. Patrick's Day party; they have donated to seminarians (\$4K); sisters that support the Parish; woman's shelter; food center; Parish patio; and participate in every ministry. There has been

feedback that they are always selling something but they are the basic work group of the Parish. It was recommended we find a way to acknowledge their works more and get their positive message out to the congregation.

Mexican Independence Day Dinner – They will only be selling 150 tickets and as of our meeting they had sold 69 @ \$15/each. Steve is doing some of the cooking (shredded beef, chicken, rice, beans, salsa, and macaroni salad.) Margaritas and beer will be sold. There will be raffle and door prizes along with mariachis and ballet folklorico dancers. Proceeds will go to the Hispanic Ministry.

The church directory is dated. The last time this was updated only about 10% of the parishioners came out to have their pictures taken. We are going to advertise in the bulletin to see if anyone is interested in helping us self-publish a directory. We would pick up the expenses.

The summer collections have not dipped as much as they have in past years.

There are a lot of upcoming events:

In addition to the parish picnic and Mexican Independence Day dinner, the August blood drive had a really good turnout.

The living rosary was also a big success. We had someone to represent every bead and then some. Having it in the Parish Hall was a good idea.

Parish audit going on right now. We have one every 3 years to ensure our books are in order.

Religious Education Classes will be starting.

Dianna will be the Pastoral Council chairperson starting in November.

Our December meeting will also be our Christmas Party.

In honor of the 150th Anniversary for Our Mother of Perpetual Help, a traveling icon/picture was commissioned. It will be at the Redemptorist Center in February, 2017. We are going to see if we can get a Missionary to come in and help us celebrate having this at our Parish. It is an honor that we will have this.

A new parish envelope system will be implemented. Envelopes will be mailed every month rather than one big box. It is actually less expensive to do it this way. Parishioners can request we stop sending envelopes when they are not in town. Even if you give electronically, go ahead and drop an envelope in the collection box.

One Parish App – it was requested we add the Jubilee Prayer for Mercy.

Viking Cruise in 2017 – Adoration Tour – cost is approximately \$6K per/person and there is a special this month that reduces the fare by \$500 (or so.) Seven have signed up so far. Need 2 more cabins to make it worthwhile.

Around the Table – only issue brought up was it would be nice if people stayed for the whole Mass.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Next meeting – September 27th