

## **Pastoral Council Meeting – January 31, 2017**

**Attendees:** Fr. Larry, Steve Chavez, Alphonso De La Riva, John Elofson, Diana Larroque, Joe Liske, Camilo Gotay, Ginny Pergantis, Ruben Cajigas, Dave Cathcart, Pam Gomez

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Father Larry

**November Meeting Minutes Approved and to be amended** and reflect the following changes: Future Council Meeting – Pilar Dougall will be attending the February meeting to give the council an update on the Young Adult/Family Ministry. Lupita Parra will attend in March and update us on the Youth Ministry.

**Fire System** – everything is now working except for one pump. The repair is being made and will cost \$9,000. This is going to be a capital expense and come out of savings. It will not impact the budget. We are still pursuing covering the pumps that are exposed to outside weather elements.

**The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon**, blessed by Pope Francis, will be arriving at Our Lady of the Desert February 12 and remain there until February 18 when it will be moved to Santa Catalina and prepared for display. Peter Pearson will host a workshop on Iconology on February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be multiple events while the Icon is with us and all are followed by a reception. On February 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a procession bringing the Icon to the Church along with a Rosary. Lee Morrison will have two presentations on the Icon on February 21<sup>st</sup>. February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have adoration two times that day and Fr. Greg May will lead two sessions of prayer. One of them Bilingual. February 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Bilingual Mass the last evening. From here, the Icon will travel to Los Angeles.

**The annual volunteer appreciation brunch** will be held on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 to noon. All Council members are invited. Please R.S.V.P.

**New Envelope system** will be implemented starting in February. Parishioners will receive a two month supply instead of a whole year at once. Envelopes should be received by February 15<sup>th</sup>. If a parishioner is away for any length of time or if they lose their box of envelopes, they can easily be replaced. In addition to saving the front office a lot of work this will save the Church around \$9,000/year.

**The Annual Catholic Appeal** will be kicked off the weekend of February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop has increased our goal from \$125,000 to \$130,000. Last year we reached 85% of our goal. We will ask parishioners to donate what they can. The Archdioceses does help us and our community.

**Weekly collections** have not changed over the course of the past several years even though our expenses have increased. We have the same number of parishioners as we had four years ago. Not a lot of fluctuation in parish members. The Finance Office is putting together an appeal to request parishioners contribute a little more if they can. An extra \$1 week per family could make a difference. We are planning on making the appeal during Lent.

**The Armed Forces plaques** by the flag have not been placed on the rocks. There is a meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss installation. The rocks need to have a smooth surface prior to installation. Usually someone like a headstone mason would do this type of work. Need to research if this is the route we should take or if there is a skilled landscaper who could do the installation. They hope to add some additional plants around the flag.

Any additional landscaping for the entrance circle is still on the back burner. Just wanted to solicit ideas for future development.

Refrigerator is working but the ice machine is broken. That is being repaired.

All light bulbs in the parking lot and church were replaced the end of December.

Sound system needs to have a board replaced. We have a loaner for now.

**The Christmas Masses** had good attendance. The 4PM Masses on Christmas Eve were standing room only. The Children's Mass had about 200 in attendance. Mass at 9 PM had around 300 – 400. The other Masses were not full but had good attendance.

**Music:** The piano concert was well attended. We have received a nice donation to buy music/microphone stand for the choir. The drums are for the 5 PM Mass.

The 11 AM Mass is still a work in progress and we are making adjustments to the format. Some Parishioners have liked the changes, others have not. Hard to please everyone. They did like some songs in English and some in Spanish. Some were not necessarily fond of the Gospel or Homily being said in Spanish. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Mass will be in English. Camilo offered to help with Spanish annunciation in some of the readings.

**Next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53