

Pastoral Council Meeting: March 28, 2017

Attendees: Fr. Larry, John Elofson, Joe Liske, Camilo Gotay, Ginny Pergantis, Pam Gomez, Steve Chavez, Sally Sample, Ruben Cajigas,

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Father Larry

February Meeting Minutes Approved with one correction. Bulletin publishing company is not Ligouri but J.S. Paluch Co. Lupita Parra was unable to attend the March meeting. She will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Mike Bubla would like to attend one of our meetings to update us on the Social Ministry.

Fr. Larry may have a conflict with the April meeting and will let us know. If he cannot attend, we may still go ahead and have the meeting. Pam will notify everyone of any changes.

All repairs on the fire system are complete. We are working on building a shed that will protect the equipment/pumps housed outside of the Church. This will need approval from the fire department and the fire system company. Once we have a design we will start the bid process.

Personnel changes - Ralph from maintenance retired and Tomas quit. We will be hiring one more technician to work with David Geer. We have advertised for the position. Candidates do not appear to be willing to clean toilets. We are looking to contract some work with a janitorial company until we can get someone hired. This will help David. Additionally, Judy Rossman has announced her retirement from the C.A.R.E. Ministry. She will be leaving the first of June. The position has been posted in the bulletin. We are looking for someone that was a social worker or has a strong counseling background.

St. Patrick's Day party went off well. A keg of beer was brought in from Ireland but none of the American keg taps worked. We did get our money back for the keg and purchased beer at the last minute from Basha's.

Lenten Penance service is Wednesday, March 29. Youth Stations of Cross went very well and there were more parishioners in attendance. The soup suppers did well the first two weeks but attendance has been falling off since then. Everything on target for Easter and Holy Week services.

Cinco de Mayo committee has had a couple of meetings.

Finance committee spoke at all Masses. We did see a small increase in donations which should help us make our building budget.

New envelope program is helping us identify who has moved and changed addresses. The new system should work out better. Seasonal parishioners can suspend/reactive envelopes as they come and go. We are seeing a few new electronic donations. Would like to see more electronic transactions since our bank does not charge us to handle those.

Sound system been working well. Lectors were recently provided with refresher training on using the microphones to ensure they are being heard.

Around the table:

1. Sally Sample had a few updates:
 - She provided us with the 21 initiatives of the Social Awareness Ministry (SAM).
 - The old Sister Jose Women's Center will be closing March 29 so they can properly vacate the building and finish getting the new facility ready. The new facility is targeted to open April 11.
 - The SAM continues to work closely with our refugee family almost on a daily basis.

- Sally attended the Catholic Church's Position on Immigration Reform presentation by Msgr. McCarthy and provided us with the handout from the session. Tucson once had 50,000 refugees coming in annually and they anticipate that number will be closer to 20,000 this year.
2. Ruben Cajigas has been working with Pilar Dougall on some education sessions he can help bring to the Parish. The initial focus may be classes on gang awareness and internet safety. Target audience would be the youth of our Parish. We have around 100 children in our Parish.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 PM