

## 2016 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2016

Present: Fr. Raj, B.J. Todaro, Richard Skurla, Amanda Chasteen, Peter Campbell, Emily Hunter, Bill Moyer, Brenda Rieger

Excused: Lloyd Alcorn, Theresa Julian

- I. Meeting Opened
  - a. Room 3AA, Annex at 7:05pm
  - b. Opening Prayer by Fr. Raj
- II. Reflection given by B.J.
- III. Reports
  - a. Fr. Raj:
    - i. The Finance Council did not meet last month, due to Fr. Raj's trip. They will meet this week and will send report to Council members via mail. Please respond promptly with questions or concerns. It will then be shared with Parish. Raymond Curtice updated that they expect to pour foundation next week. Encouraged all to view the time-lapse video of the building progress on the church website. He indicated we are on-schedule and on-budget.
    - ii. Upcoming Lent & Easter Dates & Events:
      1. Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm - Parish Reconciliation Service
      2. Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Parish Mission featuring Jeremy Rodriguez
      3. Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
      4. Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Holy Thursday Service. Fr. Raj asked if the Mom's Group could do washing of the feet, he needs 12 individuals, Emily Hunter will contact the Mom's Group. After Holy Thursday concludes, Fr. Raj requested the Pastoral Council to pray and attend adoration with the rest of the church. Please consider attending as long as able.
      5. Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday
        - a. 3pm Stations of Cross
        - b. 7pm Passion
      6. Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm - Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday
      7. Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
        - a. 8:30 Mass and 11:00 Mass, no life teen Mass
      8. Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday
        - a. 11 am Mass is Confirmation Mass with Bishop Vasquez
        - b. Fr. Raj will hold Confession from 1:30pm until 3pm
        - c. There will be a special Mass at 3pm
    - iii. After 5 years of leading the Fall Festival, Pat Flavin & Amanda Chasteen are looking for new leadership. The festival will be held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed and suggested to invite new members of the parish to help with organizing a piece of the festival. Amanda will organize major areas of assistance needed. Fr. Raj asked for the Pastoral Council to help search for appropriate and interested leaders for this parish wide event.
    - iv. Fr. talked with the building contractor and the Activity Center should be completed by the first or second week of October. Fr. Raj would like to have a Grand Opening the first weekend of December. Pastoral Council members should be prepared to help with planning

the Grand Opening. Fr. will check with the bishop and confirm the date. Peter suggested that with the Parish Christmas social usually around that time, perhaps we could combine the Christmas Social and the Grand Opening.

IV. New Business

a. Concerns of Parish Member to Council

- i. A parishioner expressed concern to Fr. Raj and Brenda regarding the topics of the weekend homilies. The parishioner felt that the homilies should focus on specific church issues and teachings. The parishioner also expressed concern regarding the appropriateness of dress attire of parishioners and asked if signage could be placed at the entrances of church. Brenda indicated that this topic (regarding appropriate church dress) was also brought up by another parishioner. Fr. Raj indicated that he spoke at length with the first parishioner and will continue to pray over the topics of his homily and will address them as he feels he is best guided. He also indicated that he does not want to discourage anyone from attending church by placing signs. Fr. Raj has placed notices in the bulletin previously around dress attire. The Council discussed that perhaps a reminder or a revisit of the bulletin announcement would be wise. BJ will share our discussion with both parishioners.
- b. This weekend at all Masses, Introduction of Pastoral Council members to Parish. Council members will process in together, stand at front, recite commitment prayer, and conclude by introducing themselves. Masses include Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30, 11, & 5pm.
- c. In an effort to reach out to all parish ministries, each Council member is assigned 4-5 ministries to be a point of contact for. Richard will email Amanda existing list, Amanda will empty past members off and Amanda, Emily & Peter will divide the ministries that need new contacts. Each Council member should stay in contact with their leaders to learn more about how the ministry operates, what they are accomplishing or working on, what they may need assistance with, and encourage leadership plans for rotating new members to avoid burn-out.
  - i. Brenda shared that one of her assigned ministries, Photography, has been meeting monthly to choose a subject. They are excited to share some of their work with the parish and have asked if it would be possible to display some of their printed photos in one of the buildings. Emily mentioned that perhaps this would be good in the new building, after a review/approval process of the photos.
- d. Suggestion Box/Email: One anonymous suggestion to ask for donations on the worn flags on the flagpole outside; Knights are working to replace it now.

V. Upcoming

- a. Dinner with Fr. Raj: Due to Easter, there will be no March dinner with Fr. Raj. After discussion regarding the current time of dinner with Fr. Raj and difficulty making the time, it was agreed to try to move to a 12:30 lunch with Fr. Raj, still on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please think of suggestions for locations & possibly call them to check for larger spaces we could use.

**b. Next PC meeting will be Monday March 28, @ 7:00 PM in Room 3AA**

- i. Opening Prayer: Emily
- ii. Reflection: Bill
- iii. Closing Prayer: Peter

VI. Closing Prayer was led by Brenda

VII. 2016 Year of Mercy –Genesis 2: 7

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm