

2016 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2016

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

Excused: Lloyd Alcorn, Brenda Rieger

- I. Meeting Opened
 - a. Room 3AA, Annex at 7:05pm
 - b. Opening Prayer by Emily
- II. Reflection given by Bill
- III. Reports
 - a. Finance Council - Bill Parrish presented and reviewed the church financial report as of February 2016. There were a few questions regarding the shift on Capital Funds between accounts over the year, which Bill clarified were simply different locations in accounts. Otherwise, the finances have been very positive for the church.
 - b. Fr. Raj:
 - i. Upcoming Dates:
 1. Sunday, April 3rd 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
 - ii. Half of the new building concrete has been poured; with the remaining half to be poured by Friday. On November 27th will be the Blessing of the Building (all council members should have received a save-the-date email from Karen). The building will not be furnished, but it will be completed for the Bishop's blessing. If we wait for the building to be furnished, the Bishop will not be available again until February.
 - iii. Don Moore was accepted as a Permanent Deacon Candidate with the Diocese of Austin.
 - iv. Our seminarian, Kyle Nesrsta, has moved to "Lector" in his steps towards priesthood.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Concerns of Parish Member to Council - As discussed at the February Pastoral Council meeting, there was a concern from a parishioner regarding both homily topics and dress-code at the Mass. As agreed, BJ emailed back to the parishioner to communicate the meeting discussion. The parishioner responded back via email, indicating that their family has determined that a new parish is the best course of action for their family needs.
 - b. Looking for new leadership for Fall Festival – As discussed in February, Amanda prepared a one-page summary reviewing the oversight of the Festival Leaders. There is presently no new leadership that has come forward. Amanda asked Father if she and Pat could have a few minutes after communion or before Mass in the next month or two to solicit help, which he agreed to. This item will remain on Old Business until a new leadership is secured.
 - 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. Amanda brought the updated list, it was reviewed and the new members were assigned to ministries. 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.
- V. New Business
 - a. Suggestion Box/Email: No suggestion box comments. One email with suggestion to move 6pm Saturday Mass to 5pm. Fr. Raj has previously had this suggestion presented. He would like to continue with 6pm. Largest reason is due to the fact that Waco Area Saturday Vigil Masses are currently staggered at 5pm, 5:30, 5:45 and ours at 6pm. This gives good options for visitors. Fr. Raj has already talked to the parishioner who suggested this.
- VI. Upcoming
 - a. Dinner with Fr. Raj: Sunday, April 24 @ 12:30pm at Manny's on the River
 - b. Next PC meeting will be Monday, April 25, @ 7:00 PM in Room 3AA
 - i. Opening Prayer: Theresa

- ii. Reflection: Peter
- iii. Closing Prayer: Amanda

- VII. Closing Prayer was led by Peter
- VIII. 2016 Year of Mercy –Genesis 2: 7
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm