

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 7:32 pm

Location: Parish Library C 103

Attending: Father Pat, Bill Inch (Chair, Worship Commission), Helen Casio (Secretary, Service Commission), Kelly Boyle (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Walter Gawlak (Education Commission), Karen Asta, John Piescik, Bill McCarthy, Ana Maria Aldana, Kurt Dieterle, Tim O'Connor (Staff Liaison), Eduardo Sevilla (Recording Secretary)

Guest: Eric McDade, Jerry

Prayer: Kelly Boyle

Finance: Bill Inch

- Reminder that the Finance Council is open to the public and guests are welcome
- Present Stewardship Program:
  - Optimistic for the future
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: collections are up \$47K from last year
  - Faith Direct partially responsible for the increase
- PTPO Auction is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at Fair Oaks
- Bathroom Upgrade
  - There Isn't money in the present plans for the building costs
  - Taking on a new debt? Not a preferred option at this point of time.
  - More bids are being sought for lowering the price

Minutes: Review of September Minutes

Moved to be accepted, seconded, and approved

School Update: Darcie Girmus (via email)

- Nothing major new to report
- Question on who puts together Thursday Thoughts?
  - Girmus creates these so all questions should be directed to her.

PTPO Update: Jim Hathaway (via email)

- Their finances looks good
- New Coffee Meeting coming up (monthly get together)

Commission Reports: (Major Highlights)

- Community Service: Helen Cascio
  - Matthew 25
    - Diapers needed
    - Canned soup, vegetables, granola bars, and Mac and Cheese for the Blessings in a Backpack Program
  - Christmas plans underway
  - Clothes Drive for Thanksgiving
  - Salt committee: Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2017: Keynote speaker is Sister Simone Campbell from Nuns on the Bus
  - Committee for Peace and Justice is presenting John Horejsi and his panel on the treatment of prisoners in the Virginia prison system. Presentation starts at 7 pm on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Religious Education: Walter Gawlak
  - Student breakdown is lower than previous years but within expected fluctuations
  - Still robust
  - Ana Lisa looking for Home School RE supplement program
  - Wednesday Session RE class cancelled due to low turnout. Another attempt will be made to restart the session if more interest is shown.

- 105 St Mark parishioners registered for the FORMED online service. Will it be renewed? No decision made at present, it is under consideration.
- Community Growth: Helen Casio for Cris Revaz
  - Newcomers committee:
    - Newcomers Luncheon is on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm. Pastoral Council members requested to come!
    - Important meeting and greeting time
    - Orientation to the parish and giving faces to the names.
  - Peace & Justice: Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Day to Serve 2-4:30 in Alexandria Blessings in a Backpack program to give food to needy children
  - Knights Of Columbus Remembrance Mass is scheduled for Tues November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for deceased brothers.
- Worship: Bill Inch
  - Liturgy planning meeting all the way to New Years
  - Christmas Eve this year is on a Sunday and therefore will have different mass times – 3 at 5 pm; other services at 8pm and at 10 pm. Note that there is no 3:15 pm!
  - The Bishop asked for attendance counts at all masses
    - Clipboards with EM and Lectors
    - They will follow the ushers during the collection
    - Will occur during the next three weeks
    - Do not announce!
- Youth: Eric McDade for Jim Barrett
  - Junior High Kickoff
  - Youth Family Mass

#### Old Business:

- Evangelization Committee
  - Staff consultation: being done on an individual basis
  - Bylaws being consulted

- Council Candidates
  - Four slots available
  - Additional candidates? Everyone needs to find one
- Elections: Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Big push Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sunday Donuts
  - Let people know
  - Who is running the ballot boxes
    - Laptops available for lists? Not required
    - Honor system in not voting multiple times
    - Two slots per mass (before and after)
  - Vote counters required on the 19<sup>th</sup>
- 6 pm mass: Rejected
- Fall Festival:
  - Good program,
  - Ran under budget
  - New person to take over next year

#### New Business:

- Donut Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Need six people per shift
  - Pastoral Council Hosting;
- Bylaws review;
  - 3-Year review (last time: tweaked)
  - Highlight and review
  - Are they still applicable
  - On the website and in the book provided to members
- Newcomers Luncheon 1pm Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Eyes and Ears:

- Why was letter published? Some found it to be very mean.

- Reasons:
  - Public letter (as it was sent to the Bishop, Father Paul, and the finance council)
  - If this is the sentiment of the parish, it should be discussed. Is this just the first person willing to speak out and shake the foundations of the parish?
  - Possibly inspire other people to make a commitment or collections
- Causing reactions
- This is an example of an infrequent letter of complaint.
- Material on FORMED heretical?
  - Spectrum of thinking
- Number of M&Ms complaining about hearing in the chapel
  - Turn off the air conditioning? Not a possibility
  - Mainly concerned with lectors
    - Bring it up with M&Ms
- Adoration in conjunction with CYO basketball kickoff. Come on down, do not need to be a kid or have a kid in the system. December 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday). We need a volunteer to be the lion.
- Movie Wine and Cheese: The Lion (true story lost boy in India and adoption).
- Environmental announcements
  - Talk with Nancy Novelly as they are seriously vetting all prayers and make sure they are not repeating (except for the soldiers, the sick, and the dead) or pushing an agenda.
  - Care for the Common Home

Closing Prayer: Father Pat

Meeting ends at 8:29.

Next Meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017