

**REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, January 10, 2017 – 7:00PM**

**In Attendance:** Steve Fournier, Angie Reynolds and Walt Graner – Members; Susan Bonner – President, Judy Tixier-Fyall – Business Manager, and Father Charlie Garza – Pastor.

Opening Prayer –The Team said the **Building to Heal** prayer together.

Minutes adopted from December 13th, 2016 meeting.

**Old Business**

- **Parish Energy/Participation**

Discussion on ways to increase parish participation and energy in parish community.

1. Children's Liturgy for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders began in January during the 11:00am Mass, two Sunday's a month.
2. Faith Formation/elementary religious education to offer once a month pizza party with Father Charlie for the class with the most "tickets" returned to their Catechist. Tickets are obtained by the children from Father Charlie after the end of Mass each weekend.
3. MOMS (Ministry of Moms Sharing) will begin in January to attend Baptism Classes offering a connection to parish life for all new parents.
4. To begin after Lent, a ministry will be able to "spotlight" their mission and activities in the bulletin to increase awareness to parishioners.

**Reports**

- **Virtual / Suggestion Box Comments**

1. The Virtual email account received a note asking for prayers for our good priest Father Charlie, that he remain healthy, and energetic in his pastoral duties.
2. A concern regarding the cry room was discussed. Older children (>3y/o) playing with toys and electronic devices as well as adults using cell phones took away from the reverence and participation in the Mass for others. In addition, overcrowding made it difficult to use the room as intended; no available chairs for nursing mothers, and parents holding crying infants. Judy will be reviewing the "rules" for the cry room and where they are posted. Programs are in place or new to encourage participation for preschool children, Godly Play program and Children's Liturgy, to engage this age-group in the Liturgy/Mass. Working toward changing a long-held mindset of parents trying to "entertain" their young children during Mass to keep them quiet and occupied.
3. No Suggestion Box comments.

- **Christmas/Advent – Update**

1. Approximately 1900 persons attended a total of 5 Christmas Masses; All required overflow into the Narthex or Parish hall except the Spanish Mass and the Midnight Mass. Availability of ushers, persons to assist setup, and tasks to prepare for Mass were a concern. Considered the need for a point person to coordinate larger liturgical events.

2. Concern for next year as Christmas falls on a Monday. Therefore, Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent which will also be December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve. The Sunday weekly obligation in addition to the Christmas obligation are separate and require twice attendance at Mass this weekend. Consideration is being made to address logistics of Mass times. Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, considering having two Vigil Masses; English at 5:00pm, Spanish at 7:00pm. Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, considering combining the 8:15am and 11:00am Mass for the Advent obligation with overflow in the parish hall. There would be no regular Sunday 5:00pm Mass, and the Bishop will be asked to confirm the timing of the Vigil Masses for Sunday evening, Christmas Eve. Great concern was discussed for our Pastor's energy level this weekend due to the many different Masses for Christmas requiring individual homilies in addition to completing the Advent season. Further discussion and consideration for future meetings.
  3. Very low attendance at the Advent Mission. At this time, it will not be offered next year. Advent Penance Service participation all right. Participation in additional penance times offered during Advent was good.
  4. Posadas was well attended by Hispanic community but momentum did not transfer to Mass attendance in the following weeks. 9pm Spanish Mass with a Posadas meal after Mass was well attended by younger Hispanic community; 20+ year olds; considering starting a young adult group for the Spanish community.
- **Capital Campaign Update**
    1. Current pledges have reached \$2,373,278 Million. Thus far, 247 families/individuals have responded to the Capital Campaign pledge.
    2. Jake Adams, Capital Campaign Committee member, will present at all of the Masses the weekend of January 14/15 to encourage greater participation and response to pledging.
  - **Building Update**
    1. As of January 3, 2017 - 3 options are being considered:
      - a. Full Build out of Multi-purpose building
      - b. Shell 1<sup>st</sup> floor office space totaling 3600 sq ft.
      - c. Remove 2<sup>nd</sup> floor millwork/cabinetry, and shell 1<sup>st</sup> floor office space totaling 3600sq ft.
    2. January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Diocesan Building Committee to review Architect/Contractor plans and cost analysis.
  - **Other**
    1. Ministry Leader changes:
      - a. Brian Tuohy – Lectors
      - b. Robbie Zamora – Sacristans
      - c. Gretchen and Deacon Geoff Unger – Altar Servers
    2. Online Ministry Scheduler: Jennifer Sedlmeyer

## **New Business**

- **Divine Renovation** – Discuss question format for “Values” 6-10, Chapter 5

1. Developed questions for QML discussion; Values 6-10, Clear Expectations, Strength-based Ministry, Formation of Small Communities, Experience of the Holy Spirit, and Becoming an Inviting Church.

**Announcements**

- Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2016 at 7:00pm.

**Closing Prayer** was said by Susan to conclude the meeting.

**Meeting Concluded** at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted – Susan Bonner