

**REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018 – 7:00 PM**

**In Attendance:** Billy Austin, Chery Lutz, Pat Manning, Ricardo Palacios, Angie Reynolds and Dan Wierzbowski – Members; Susan Bonner – President; and Father Charlie Garza – Pastor

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

Minutes adopted from April 10th meeting as written.

THANK YOU – The group thanked Pat for his leadership, service and commitment to the Pastoral Council for the past 3 years and Fr. Charlie presented him with a card and token of appreciation. (Steve Fournier, the other exiting PC member, was not present)

**Reports**

- Parish Staff changes – Stephanie Mire, Abby Lopez
  - Stephanie Charba-Mire:
    - Recently returned to SMDP
    - Has a degree in Music with emphasis in Direction
    - Has accepted an accompanist position that will assist Kevin with the Sunday 8:15 AM Mass and serve as acting Director for the 11am Mass
    - Is conversational in Spanish
  - Abby Lopez:
    - Is a Student at UT and recently returned from studying abroad
    - Will resume oversight of Edge program following Seminarian Kyle’s departure
    - Speaks fluent Spanish
- Seminarian Farewell – Kyle Nesrsta
  - May 12-13 is Kyle’s last weekend with us
  - Serving cookies, tea and water after all Masses
  - Identified volunteers to help with receptions for each Mass (Chery to send instructional email to those assigned)
  - Mary Gomez will provide a basket/box for cards
- Future Seminarian schedule
  - Antonio Aviles – from Santa Julia, will be joining SMDP August through May
  - Antonio is bi-lingual and will be more active with Spanish Community
  - He will be involved with the Movimiento, Grupo de Oracion and other targeted ministries
  - Antonio will stay with a host family until The Dymphna Center construction is completed and the parish office staff vacate the rectory
  - Parishioners will be encouraged to extend hospitality to Antonio through dinner invitations, etc.

- Building – demolition of office
  - Original plans included retaining the Parish Office space while trying to position the new building using optimal space
  - Workers ran into too many issues with proximity of office to the active construction
  - Water and sewage lines were cut and operation of equipment dangerously close to building
  - Office closed the week of May 7 to allow for temporary move of office staff to the rectory and will reopen May 14
  - Demo will take place in approximately 2 weeks
  - The Ed Center is staying for now
  - The Counseling Center originally planned for use of the old office space will be established in a section of the Ed Center
  - The remaining half of the Ed Center will be used for storage
  - The additional expense for demolition will be offset by savings resulting in changes required to exterior light fixtures for the Dymphna Center (and keeping us in compliance with the Dripping Springs “night sky” ordinance)
  
- myParish app – “Groups” promoted to Ministries
  - Other Parishes have found this app useful/helpful
  - Would like to encourage SMDP ministries to start using
  - App requires a moderator to manage for each group – i.e. the Ministry Leader
  - PC piloted the app a couple years ago, but wasn’t utilized
  - Will use the Ministry Mentor Newsletter to promote usage of the App to help build and foster engagement with their Ministry
  - Hope to also promote and increase more use of the My Parish App, in general, on a daily basis

### **Old Business**

- Hispanic/English Community Event – Chery, Susan, Angie to plan – Do we develop ideas or table this?
  - Agreed to move forward with planning a couple “simple” community events (food related)
    - After Mass “fiesta”
    - Ice Cream socials following Faith Formation
    - Trunk or Treat (Saint Costumes)
  - Consider involving Antonio

### **New Business**

- Goals for Pastoral Council Leadership – Divine Renovation (DR) Consultants/Ministry Leader (ML) Assessment vs Making Intentional Disciples/Quarterly Ministry Leaders (QML) meeting – Set date and Timeline
  - Susan provided a review of excerpts from Divine Renovation regarding “Strength-Based Ministry, the DR Consultant role and characteristics of Ministry Leadership
  - We discussed the format for the next Qtly ML meeting
    - Introduction of the DR Consultant process
    - Leadership Terms
    - Characteristics of Leadership
    - Reservation of space protocols
    - Group App

- Billy suggested we develop an initial questionnaire for the ML's to be completed during the meeting (outlining their purpose, goals, how they measure success)
- Billy will prepare a draft for review at our next PC meeting
- Date consideration – Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (ending with a Holy Hour)
- The PC will participate in the presentations during the meeting

**Announcements**

- The next Pastoral Council meeting has been moved to Tuesday, June 19, 2018

**Closing Prayer** – Led by Susan Bonner

Meeting Concluded at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted – Chery Lutz