

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2017, 7:00 PM - Fireside Room

Council Present: Fr. Brendan, Terry Callahan, Daniel Eckl, Karen Ekizian, Lesley Grant, Carol Lavigne, Patrick Stoll, Milton Tobar, Bob Smart, Estrella Villafranca-Ruiz, Maria Elena Mendoza-Tellez **Absent:** Gary Tucker, Marc Mastromonico, Shawn Patrick

Faith Sharing: Karen

April minutes approved.

Fr. Brendan Report:

- o April 30th New Parishioner Breakfast –Attendance was a little lower than expected (@ 50 people). Many parishioners were in attendance to welcome the new parishioners and to describe the many different service opportunities at the parish. Going around the room, with the different ministry representatives introducing themselves, a very welcoming and positive environment was created. Some new parishioners showed interest in participating on the Pastoral Council.
- o Joint Prayer Shawl Meeting and Breakfast with members of Gloria Dei—Friday, April 28th in Knight Hall. Prayer shawl ministry is a small group of parishioners who knit or crochet blankets for those who need prayer. The blankets are blessed by Fr. Brendan. It was a nice moment to bring the two faith communities together in prayer and fellowship.
- o Fr. Dave – He is on indefinite sick leave.
- o Fr. Armando—He is on an Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrimage. Please keep him and the other pilgrims in our prayers.
- o Palm Sunday – We had great attendance this year. The Triduum masses went very well.
- o Confirmation/First Communion – This past Sunday, 95 candidates were confirmed by Bishop Todd Brown. There will be another Confirmation mass this Sunday. There will be 5 first communion masses at the parish.
- o School News – The eighth grade class is presently touring the historical sights of Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Jamestown, Washington DC and New York.
- o FAM—Service opportunities on Saturdays and Sundays. It is currently partnering with other organizations to serve in our community. One area of help is subsidizing rent expenses.
- o PSA – For 2017, we are currently at \$317,340 in pledges. Our PSA Goal is \$238,000 but our Parish Goal is \$500,000. We are up to 525 households participating. Last year we had 630 households participate in the appeal. We will make one more PSA announcement to the congregation before summer.
- o Fiesta—It is happening on the weekend of May 19-21.
- o Parish Administrator Position – Job posted on Indeed.com and on the Orange County Diocese website. It is a full-time position. The qualifications and job descriptions are clearly posted online. The title of the position will be Chief of Parish Operations (CPO). Having someone serve in this role at the parish, allows Fr. Brendan to focus less on the administrative aspects of the parish and be more available to serve more in a pastoral capacity. Resumes are being

evaluated at this time and the interview process will begin shortly.

- Parish Hall—Fr. Brendan met with 2 fundraising companies to discuss feasibility studies and capital campaigns as it relates to the proposal of building a parish hall. One of the companies will be hired in the near future for an estimated fee of @ \$25,000 to perform a feasibility study. The feasibility study includes personal interviews of 75 families. The feasibility study will make a general case of what we want to do and why. It will then measure how much the parishioners want to proceed with building a new parish hall. After determining the degree of support for the building of a new parish hall, the study will determine an estimate of how much money we can expect to raise for the project. If we proceed with the project, we will have 8 months to raise money. There will be a 3 year pledge period. The company will be paid \$280,000 in fees. The company will provide one full time person (on site) to administer. We will conduct the feasibility study in June or wait until the fall. Once feasibility study is done, the capital campaign will begin 3-4 months later. Fr. Brendan offered that that the analysis as to whether our parish should construct a new parish hall really lies in the determination as to what extent this new facility can truly increase our capacity to love and serve our parish and the community. The Pastoral Center Advisors (**PCA**) will meet on 5/24.

Comments - Stewardship, House of prayer, House of poor

- Information cards: A PC subcommittee will be created to develop a strategy on how to distribute, collect, and record the parishioner information.
- Status of 2017-2018 New PC Members—We will use the Pastoral Council recruiting video during this weekend's masses to get the word out. We have received several applications. There will be a meeting on May 31, in the lower lunch room, with selected applicants in attendance.

Roundtable:

- Estrella: There have been seminars offered by the Orange County Diocese as well as local public schools to help families with immigration enforcement. The seminars provide lawyers, information and other services to help families possibly affected by immigration issues.
- Patrick: For some of the parts of the mass said in Latin, it was requested that the English translation be provided.

Closing prayer: Karen

Next meeting: May 31st, 7:00 PM, Knight Hall, Christian Service Room.