

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2015

Meeting called to order by Dave Wetzel at 7:10 PM

Faith Sharing by Emily and review of the minutes from the July 21st meeting.

### Pastor's Comments

- **New member and co-chair:** Fr. Brendan recommended Terry to succeed Cris as co-chair after his sudden departure. The Council unanimously approved. Fr. Armando and Sr. Sue are working to find a parishioner from the Hispanic community to fill Cris' spot.
- **Broad themes of 2016: House of Prayer, House of the Poor**
  - **House of Prayer:** Bring each parishioner in the community to a deeper level of prayer as an individual, within the domestic church, and as a parish community.
  - Examples of prayer: Use of social media with school children, various parish ministries in demonstrating how and ways to pray. Learning the parts of the Mass.
  - **House of the Poor:** Helping each person understand the need for them as an individual to reach out to the poor around them (spiritually or physically); to give of themselves as an individual, as a family, and as a church community.
  - Examples of assisting the poor: Collaboration with St. Vincent De Paul, FAM, and Christian Services. On a universal level, assessing how we are giving to groups in need (e.g. Fr. Achilles) and if we are being effective in the way we are intending. Fr. Brendan to visit Uganda in November to see what our contributions have built.
  - Deacon Al working to create a systematic plan of outreach for the parish and to take ownership of the needs in our area.
- **Stewardship**
  - Our God-given responsibility of taking care of those around us and our environment
- **Continued integration of our communities**
  - St. Edward and San Felipe, the Hispanic and non-Hispanic communities.

- Changing the way we speak of the communities, we are not two separate parishes, we are one community.
- Parish School: creating a stronger relationship and more interaction between the Parish and the Parish School.
- Faith Formation: collaborating in our efforts so we are working smarter, not harder, with our staff and the ministries.

### **Pastoral Council's Foundational Document**

- Review of principles of our role as a council for the new year and introduce new members to the process.
- Purpose: to be at the service of the Pastor and provide him with input.
- Conduit between parishioners and Pastor.
- Be available to parishioners by wearing name tags at Mass and parish events to create familiarity.
  - Suggestion of individual emails for council members along with a general email.

### **Financial status for recent end of fiscal year**

- A member of the Finance Council to speak after each Mass along with detailed information in the bulletin.

### **Renovations**

- City of Dana Point completing checks on permits and ADA required areas.
- Artwork for parish in process via Art Committee.
- Tabernacle due to arrive in October.

### **Round Table**

- Re-branding and streamlining of school has created a great buzz among the parents. People are feeling heard.
- Further integration of our multi-cultural parish by a bi-lingual choir. Rosa is working with Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.