

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2017, 7:00 pm – Fireside Room**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Patrick Stoll

Members present: Fr. Brendan Manson, Milton Tobar, Bob Smart, Gary Tucker, Daniel Eckl, Shawn Patrick, Lesley Grant, Delia Campbell, Sharon Smith, Patrick Stoll, Ray Frericks

Members absent: Estrella Villafranca-Ruiz, Mary Ann Wilkinson-Sims

Faith Sharing: Shawn Patrick

Minutes from the October meeting: were approved with the modification of the insertion of a “c” to the second position in name spelled “Ekl.” It was noted that the web site should record the fact that there was no November meeting of the Parish Council.

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PASTOR’S COMMENTS



- **Capital Campaign**
 - The first reception was held at the Cameron’s home. Approximately 40 attendees.
 - This coming Saturday, December 9, will be the Parishioner meeting.
 - The capital campaign cabinet, in place to initiate and facilitate the fund raising effort, consists of approximately 17 individuals.
 - January 11 will be the Capital Campaign Cabinet solicitation training session.
- **Rod Foster:** Doing very well. Working well with staff and facilities and relieving much of the burden from Fr. Brendan.
- **The Sunday attendance** census was conducted during the month of October and was little changed from 2016. 3,623 people attended mass on average during the census days.
- **Rite of Welcome**, the first step in the RCIA process had 30 candidates. This step is their statement of dedication to the faith.
- **Prayer Service** was very beautiful. It was a prayer service expanding beyond the Mass.
- **Religious Education** held it’s first Confirmation retreat of the year.
- **First Reconciliation** service had 65 penitents.
- **Service to the homeless:** Fr. Brendan and Deacon Al met with city of Dana Point officials to discuss the quandary of concerns. Of particular concern was whether Welcome Inn is encouraging an influx or continuance of homeless in the community. The city committed that it would find a place to hold the Welcome Inn services – perhaps through a coalition of the faith communities in the city.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fiesta scheduling:** Patrick Stoll reported that moving the event to the Fall to coincide with the Feast of St. Edward is being considered and explored.
- **Construction:** It was observed that the Fiesta could probably not be held on the Parish campus while any parish hall construction was being undertaken. Patrick Stoll will be investigating further.

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- **Parish Council Poster:** Lesley Grant was recognized for her creative and attractive work in preparing the Parish Council poster for the Parish bulletin board.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND:

- **Safety Committee:** Rod Foster now heading this effort.
- **Celebration of Candlemas:** February 2 will be the blessing of candles.
- **Silence before Mass:** It was noted that increased noise in the church before and after Mass is an increasing problem.
- **Blue Mass:** It was suggested that the Parish consider hosting a Mass for first responders once a year as near to September 11 as possible.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe and Las Mananitas:** December 12th at 3:00pm.
- **Prayer requests:** for a parishioner relative and a special infant.

The closing prayer and meditation focusing on living in the present moment was led by Shawn Patrick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Smart.