



Pastoral Council Minutes July 17th, 2018

In attendance were Father Terry, Father Rich, Chad Archer, Karina Chavez, Joe Feels, Ro Geisler, Luis Gutierrez, Bob Keller, Andy Konopka, Barb Knuth, Bill Leece, Mike Myers, and Bernie Schaeffer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chad Archer.

I. Mission and Faith First

- Barb Knuth offered an opening prayer.
- The Vision and Mission statement was recited by all.

II. MISSION EFFECTIVENESS AND PULSE OF THE PARISH

- Doing Well - Baptisms during Mass move people, Judy and Dennis do a great job, Families enjoy the sacrament at Mass, the participation at Mass grounds us in our baptism. Fr. Rich did a 30 second sell. Fr. Terry and JP have handled immigration issues well. Holy Family vs. Christian family. Brownsville is the new Ellis Island.
- Not Doing Well - A volunteer commented that when we sing the Our Father and hold hands it brings tears - hoping we will sing it more often; the handling of political issues has made some people edgy, must be handled kindly and not viciously, which would be inappropriate, we come to church to remind us of our blessings, we cannot forget the poor, Jesus stayed out of politics, leave to God what is God's and to Ceasar what is Ceasar's.
- Not Doing / Start Doing - Bring back where our visitors are from, figure out a systematic way to handle this.

III. Approval of Council Minutes

- Correction to prior month's minutes.
- Bill moved to accept the corrected minutes. Luis seconded it.

IV. Pastor's Report

- Church in Texas is exploding with intense growth. The average age is 26. Their faith is unbelievably rich. Nuns carry a lot of responsibility and run the clinics - truly Saints. The trip to the border has given some ideas for our Lenten Social Justice project.
- There are 4 openings on the HFCA Board. Seeking candidates with finance, marketing or legal backgrounds to collaborate with existing educational backgrounds.
- Softball game - Fr. Rich's high school team outscored Fr. Terry's college team 5-2. Thanks to the Knights for providing food.
- Who wants to become Catholic? Brides and grooms. Make a personal recommendation and contact Bonnie Rooney on the RCIA team.

V. Operations & Development Update - Bernie Schaeffer

- Bernie is now responsible for the 155,000 sq. ft. facility, building committee, and security.
- Building renovations include new windows on the 2nd floor, rerouting rectory duct work, carpeting, tuck-pointing, refinishing entrance doors, tree trimming and removal of diseased trees from courtyard, meeting with landscape architects, filling cracks in parking lot, deep cleaning classrooms, upgrading lighting to LED.
- Welcome to Joanne Bednar. Christine Komparda retired after 25 years.
- Security - 10 cameras now recording throughout facility with remote access available to Inverness police and fire departments
- Development - Gala and Fall Fest leaders are needed. New accounting system implemented. Planning beginning the long delayed participation in the Archdiocesan's To Teach Who Christ Is campaign. Working on items that will spark interest for Holy Family, with Archdiocesan contribution of \$1.2M.
- New program called "And in the End" will incorporate estate planning, funeral planning, interment. Program will last 1 hour, 10 minutes,

VI. Other Needs

- Luis mentioned that parents at Kid Church are fired up about the new Adam's Apple offering at 10:15am.
- Fest of Mary Magdala on Sunday, June 22nd will honor women

Karina Chavez gave a closing prayer

There being no further business, Chad Archer adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Knuth