



Pastoral Council Minutes May 15th, 2018

Present: Mike Myers, Ro Geisler, Cattie Tenzillo, Chad Archer, Jack Shedd, Andy Konopka, Fr. Rich, Bernie Schaeffer, Karina Chavez, Luis Gutierrez, Bill Leece, Joe Ferlita

Not Present: Fr. Terry, Barb Knuth, Bob Keller, Tony Piasecki, Alex Posey

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

I. Mission and Faith First

- Mike Myers presented on Pentecost and offered a prayer by St. Augustine
- The Vision and Mission statement was recited by all.

II. MISSION EFFECTIVENESS AND PULSE OF THE PARISH

- Cattie Tenzillo commented on the excitement generated by First Communion the past weekend. Fr. Terry traveled in from his Sabbatical to lead the service which was conducted quite effectively. Many visitors to the parish got a very positive view of Holy Family.
- Karina Chavez said the requirement for all second grade families to be registered members of the parish in order for their child to make First Communion is not as widely known as it should be. This created many last minute rushes to register among second grade families. Ro Geisler took note of this and will work with the Academy to make the requirement known by all.

III. Approval of Council Minutes

- April Minutes were discussed with no changes offered. Motion to approve by Luis Gutierrez, seconded by Cattie Tenzillo, approved unanimously.

IV. Pastor's Report - Fr. Rich

- This month marks Fr. Rich's 1st year in his role in our parish. He is enjoying the transition and working with Fr. Terry. The work is quite different from a non-pastoral ministry but enjoyable. Parishioner feedback has been largely positive. Luis Gutierrez shared the experience of a family member hearing Fr. Rich speak at a funeral and now attends church services. Fr. Rich shared 2 surprises: the parish is not all white and there is an interesting mix of expressions of spirituality, such as devotions or saying the rosary.

V. Pastor's Report - Ro Geisler

- 20 Second Graders received their first Holy Communion this past weekend
- 108 Teens have been confirmed

- Academy Principal Kate O'Brien has been recognized for fostering excellence in education with the St. Thomas Aquinas award
- Enrollment in Faith program holding steady, the program is stable
- Tuition model for Faith being evaluated for parishioner vs non-parishioner rates
- IB team was on-site at the Academy last week. Will be approximately a month to get the results of the visit
- The "Beloved Retreat" is next scheduled for February 15-17, 2019
- Overall collections are up ~\$40,000 though Easter collection was down by ~\$40,000. The trend appears to be fewer givers giving more.
- Electronic giving in 2010: 310 families. By 2018: 528 families. Amounts to \$67,500 monthly, \$863,000 annually. Jack Shedd mentioned mounting another campaign for electronic giving. Jack also mentioned using an app for immediate donations. There was continued discussion on the VMO app. Ro will research.
- Issues with getting an accurate count of parishioners at each Mass. Mike Myers suggested taking photos from the A/V loft.
- Maureen DeRosa will be leaving Holy Family during June
- Bernie Schaeffer will be assuming additional responsibilities in Finance and Operations
- The annual Rummage Sale is being discontinued. The return versus the amount of work required and demand on volunteers no longer is economic.
- Average weekend attendance is ~2000

VI. Observing Hospitality Follow-up

- Ro has been in conversation with Fr. Terry from Montana on the subject of hospitality. Terry has been quite impressed with the level of hospitality he has observed at a number of facilities he's visited while on sabbatical. He saw many instances of greeting and welcoming and offering a high level of assistance that he'd like to see at Holy Family. Fr. Terry asks the Council members to spend the next 30 days observing in the parish and other places and note the type of experience seen in welcoming or not welcoming. What is the reaction to visitors? Objective is to lead to a plan to improve welcoming.

VII. HFCA Update

- IB team was on-site in the Academy on Monday and Tuesday. They met with staff, parents and school board members and the IB Coordinator, Colleen Biere
- 74% of Kindergarten students are moving to First grade at HFCA
- Grandparents Day is May 23rd
- Graduation is May 25th

- Kindergarten graduation is May 31
- Fifth grade Business Fair is May 30th
- Last day of school is June 4th
- Expecting an increase in enrollment next year with total students of 510-515
- There will be 2 new pre-school programs
- Students from Quest have been to evaluate HFCA programs

VIII. New Business

- Chad Archer said there will be the need for several new Council members in November. The members whose terms expire are: Karina Chavez, Joe Ferlita, Bernie Schaeffer, Jack Shedd and Cattie Tenzillo.
- Directors will have to identify candidates for the vacant positions by September 1st
- Chad Archer said the “Renew My Church” campaign from the Archdiocese will commence in September
- Fr. Rich and parishioner Susan Cox are looking at starting a support group for people with serious medical conditions and their caregivers. Could perhaps be a type of SCC.
- Bill Leece suggested having Homilies on our web site or perhaps on the existing Holy Family YouTube channel

Jack Shedd gave a closing prayer

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned by Chad Archer at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Myers