

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council Minutes March 27, 2017

The March 27, 2017 pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:38 by President Chuck Simpson. Fr. Charlie led the opening prayer which called for divine mercy.

Members present: Chuck Simpson, Ruth Huddle, Tim Koerber, Diane Hoy, Jan Esguerra, Diane Rieves, Minerva Colon, Carlos Rico

Guests: Ellen Simpson

Staff: Fr. Charles Deeney, Fr. Franklin Salazar

Chuck introduced and welcomed new members and guests. Chuck mentioned that Jackie Jones would join the council representing the food pantry.

Chuck noted that there were not enough members present for a quorum and that the meeting would proceed as a “committee of the whole”.

Chuck emphasized that all emails and phone numbers recorded in the attendance sheets would be held in confidence and not distributed.

The February minutes were read and accepted with changes. This was motioned, seconded accepted.

50th Anniversary written history

Diane Hoy reported that the written history of St. Francis for the 50th anniversary is being edited. Diane visited with Gramac printing to review the path forward and also costs associated with publishing the history. a complete design of the book can be accomplished by Gramac at a cost of approximately \$60. Gramac provides either spine-stapled or spiral binding. The cost of the individual books is not known at this time and will require a final design to determine page count. We have not yet determined the quantity of books we will have published. Minerva Colon volunteered to assist with the translation of the history into Spanish. A discussion regarding the early history of the establishment of St. Francis as a parish ensued. The 50th celebration is scheduled for September. Also, commemorative mousepads are being considered. Diane showed examples of Christmas ornaments and keychains which could be developed also.

Parish Directory

Diane and Margaret Hettler met with Jack Walton with regard to the potential effort on a pictorial parish directory. Jack has a wealth of experience in dealing with parishes such as ours.

The directory company handles all calls and provides the photography and resulting efforts at no cost to the parish. They will take group pictures, grounds pictures and all other items as well as individual and family portraits. Their method of signups are “good, old fashioned paper forms” which alleviate the concerns about using computer entry to sign up. We will need volunteers (4 individuals) at all masses for approximately 4 weekends to handle sign ups. Sittings are usually scheduled for Tuesdays through Saturdays for approximately 15 working days to accomplish the portrait sittings. No information, photos or anything is put on any social media, websites or the internet in any way. It is a very good idea to have volunteer translators to assist families as they sign up and also as they arrive for sittings. We are aiming for signups during the month of August for sittings to start in September so that photo packages will be available in time for the Holidays. It was noted that we could also offer memorial pages in the directory. Diane noted that it would be advantageous for leaders of each of the specific communities to assist. Fr. Charlie was given a copy of the agreement the parish would enter into for review by the diocese.

50th Anniversary

Diane suggested that we try to book the Amen Group of Filipino priests to perform a concert. She made an excellent point of requesting the various parish groups (Spanish, Filipino, and Haitian) to form a steering committee for the 50th and to organize specific ethnic celebrations or events in support of the 50th anniversary. A good example would be that the Filipino community undertake the effort to book the Amen Group.

With All Your Heart

Ellen Simpson reported that the day of reflection was exceptional. The core team will be meeting on April 6th to discuss future plans.

Council of Catholic Women

Diane Rieves reported that the Council of Catholic will be attending a 3 day convention in Daytona Beach. They have been asked to assemble a scrapbook which shows activities conducted by the St. Francis CCW. She shared part of what is being assembled. Diane also reported that the Discovering Mary session was fabulous.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry golf tournament raised \$15,000

Special Ash Wednesday Collection

Fr Charlie reported that the special collections raised \$6,100. We donated the funds to Fr. Ennis Village and Pathways to Care.

Old Business

The letter to the mayor of Apopka regarding traffic safety at the entrance to the church seems to be missing. Tim Koerber will contact Margaret Hettler to locate it and get it moving forward.

New business

Chuck noted that the membership and activities of the Pastoral Council are not widely known. Discussion of how to make the council more visible to parishioners so that any concerns or suggestions be raised to the council meeting ensued. Chuck volunteered to make a short 1-2 minute report on our activities at the end of mass.

It was suggested that we take photos of the members and publish them on the parish website under the council section. Tim will solicit digital photos of the members and will bring a camera to the next council meeting.

It was noted that the church bulletin board at the entrance of the church is empty and that we should possibly post mass times there.

It was noted that we are currently short of ministers of hospitality. We need to request volunteers.

Tim volunteered to obtain a copy of the parish bylaws for distribution to the council.

The meeting was adjourned after a brief prayer at 7:43.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Koerber, Secretary, St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

