

# St Francis of Assisi Parish

## Pastoral Council Minutes

### April 24, 2017

The April 24, 2017 pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Chuck Simpson. Ruth Huddle led the opening prayer celebrating the ministry of leadership.

**Members present:** Chuck Simpson, Ruth Huddle, Tim Koerber, Diane Hoy, Jan Esguerra, Carlos Rico, Jackie Jones, Marie Grecia Jean-Baptiste, Max Prosper, Lacner Millian, Jay Tolentino

**Guests:** Ellen Simpson

**Staff:** Fr. Franklin Salazar, Christine Stillings

Chuck introduced and welcomed new members.

Note: With the addition of the ministry and ethic community members, a council quorum has been achieved.

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

It was agreed that the council photograph website page will list member names and individual email addresses (in text, not “live” hyperlink) so as to make individual council members more accessible to parishioners.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary written history**

Diane Hoy reported that the written history of St. Francis for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is being edited. Diane also mentioned that individual book costs depend on total number of pages. It was recommended by Diane that we do not include advertisement pages but that memorial pages be sold to offset printing costs. Either Diane will mention this to Father Charlie or it will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Parish Directory**

Activities regarding planning are on hold pending a diocesan review of the agreement we will enter into. Margaret Hettler is awaiting a reply from the diocese.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

The dinner is tentatively planned for October 8<sup>th</sup> and will be catered by Carrabas. The event will be held in the Apopka Community Center which accommodates 600 people. The event will start mid-afternoon to accommodate those who have difficulty driving at night.

## **Kid's Day**

October 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon we are planning a St. Francis Trunk and Treat party. Kids can dress up as their favorite saint and trick and treat around the parish parking lot where participant vehicles will be parked with their trunks open full of treats. Christine Stillings noted that this was done at St. Augustine with great success. The Pastoral Council is requested to participate to make this a success.

## **Other Items**

Santa's workshop will be held on December 3.

We have found relics of St. Francis with associated documentation from the Vatican. Diane shared the framed documentation with the council. It is being translated (from Latin) so we may further understand this important discovery.

## **With All Your Heart**

The core team will be meeting on May 4 at 6:30 in the education building to discuss future plans.

## **Council of Catholic Women**

No Report due to the convention in Daytona Beach.

## **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry golf tournament raised \$19,800+. They are currently preparing for the flea market on May 11, 12 and 13.

## **Hispanic Community**

There appears to be a problem with the A/C turning off in the sanctuary. Diane reported that the A/C is malfunctioning and it will be repaired. The lights outside the sanctuary are also shutting off before groups are finished in the evenings. That is being worked on as well. Lights should turn off at 10:30pm. It is important that issues such as this are promptly reported to the parish office.

The Hispanic community is growing and informed the council that it is looking for ways to provide further help where needed in the parish. The council will generate ideas of projects or activities that could use assistance so this information can be disseminated to those who want to help. It was mentioned that we are always in need of bi-lingual catechists or classroom assistants.

## **Haitian Community**

The council greatly welcomes the three new members.

### **Filipino Community**

The Filipino community has reached out to the Filipino Priest singing group and they will perform at St. Francis as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities. It is being determined whether it will be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.

### **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.

Ruth Huddle will generate a short, 2-3 sentence summary of the council minutes monthly for inclusion in the parish bulletin.

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.

Renovation of the hallway in the sanctuary will begin on May 7.

### **New business**

At one time there was a television monitor in the vestibule of the sanctuary that was intended to keep parishioners informed of parish activities. The council discussed replacement of this. Diane will bring this subject up for funding at the next finance committee.

Ruth Huddle has obtained a copy of the current parish constitution and is in the process of editing. Copies of the existing document were distributed. Comments by the council are solicited. We will review a draft at a future date.

We will add a discussion item regarding a Ministry Day to be hosted by the council for the next council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after prayer at 7:47. The next meeting will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the education building. This will be the last scheduled meeting until September.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

