

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

Members present: Chuck Simpson, Ruth Huddle, Tim Koerber, Diane Hoy, Jan Esguerra

Guests: Ellen Simpson, Diane Rieves

Staff: Fr. Charles Deeney, Fr. Franklin Salazar, Christine Stillings, Margaret Hettler

The February 27, 2017 pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:37 by President Chuck Simpson. Fr. Charlie led the opening prayer which was written by Pope Francis entitled “Blessed Are”.

Introductions of members and guests were made. Diane Hoy has joined the council as member representative of Gift Shop, 50th anniversary planning, fund raising, and other activities.

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

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

50th Anniversary

Diane Hoy reported that the written history of St. Francis for the 50th anniversary has been drafted and is in review. It has been reviewed by Brian Franz and Ray Braddock. A translator needs to be identified who can translate the document into Spanish, Fr. Franklin agreed to approach the Hispanic leadership to identify a capable translator. Once the document has completed review, pictures added, and translation completed a publisher will be sought. A soft cover with a glued binding is desired. Cost is estimated at approximately \$8 per copy. The possibility of adding advertisements to the book to help offset costs was discussed. We’re not sure of the quantity of books that would need to be printed.

Additionally, Diane reported that Christmas tree ornaments are being developed in both English and Spanish. T-shirts are being considered also. Diane Rieves mentioned that Keychains were developed for the 25th anniversary which cost approximately \$6. Other items discussed were commemorative plates or mousepads.

Crosses from the old church as well as station of the cross plaques have been located and will be on display in the gift shop. The old baptismal font has also been located and it was discussed if it would be appropriate to display. Fr. Charley saw no problem with displaying it.

Parish Directory

The subject of pursuing a pictorial parish directory was discussed. Margaret Hettler has a local contact who develops parish directories. This is done at no cost to the parish and is funded through photo sales to the individual parishioners and their families. Diane Hoy headed up the last one in 2007. Numerous volunteers are needed to undertake this task as well as a primary coordinator. It is important to have bi-lingual volunteers so the process and photo sales offers are explained completely to all who have their picture taken. In 2007, the picture appointments stretched over 6 weeks and included Sunday sessions. Some classroom space in the parish center will likely need to be dedicated for the duration of photo sessions. It was noted that we should drop the address and phone information for privacy concerns. It was also noted that photo sessions might be scheduled over a holiday period such as Thanksgiving so families with members who are away at school could be accommodated. The council agreed to consider parishioners who may be able to head up this large project and to contact them to see if we can identify a volunteer. Diane Hoy volunteered to provide advice.

Parish Mission Statement

Diane Hoy displayed the new plaque with the parish mission statement. This will be displayed in the gift store until the hallway is redecorated.

Adult Faith Formation -With All Your Heart

Christine Stillings reported on the “With all Your Heart” program. The core team met on February 23. Heart to Pray will begin in Lent. There will be a Wednesday evening prayer session beginning March 8 and extending until April 5. We are also introducing a prayer card in the pews to be said at the end of every mass. It is important to inform Jonathon Branton so the prayer is put into the announcement notebook. Tomas Evans has volunteered to lead a Lectio Divina morning of reflection on March 18. Carol Stanton will lead a Lectio Divina morning of reflection on March 25 for the English community. There are lots of opportunities to encourage prayer as we move into lent.

Fr. Charley mentioned that there will be a special collection during Ash Wednesday masses to support Pathways to Care and also Fr. Ennis Village.

Council of Catholic Women

Diane Rieves reported that the Council of Catholic Women are sponsoring a program on “Discovering Mary” on March 11 at 9:00am until 2:30pm. This program was developed by the CCW personal development team and focuses on how Mary said “yes” to God and how we can do so in our lives. The program will include a continental breakfast and a small lunch for a cost of \$15. It is open to the parish.

Margaret Hettler reported that the teen group had a very successful weekend retreat at All Souls parish. Many thanks to Susan at St. Patricks and the All Souls team. It was a very positive experience.

Old Business

A letter to the Apopka City Council has been drafted and was reviewed in the meeting. After comments are incorporated, Tim Koerber will forward to Margaret Hettler for printing on Parish letterhead and signatures. Further discussion about the condition of the road at the parish entrance resulted in Tim volunteering to contact Jennifer Sullivan (District 31 State Representative) to determine who should be contacted to request repair.

New business

Diane Rieves raised a concern regarding the condition of the women's bathroom in the parish center. It is outdated and in need of redoing. Discussion pointed out that there are many other urgent parish infrastructure needs and funds are low. Tim volunteered to contact a licensed contractor to have a rough order of magnitude cost developed for upgrading the bathroom so it can be budgeted or funded in the future.

Pastor's Report

Recently the staff attended a morning of reflection on "Intentional Discipleship". Accordingly, each activity and group meeting should begin with Prayer and Scripture. We will add this to the pastoral council agenda.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded and approved. Fr. Charley lead a closing prayer.

Note: Prior to the Pastoral Council Meeting, a discussion was held between members regarding meeting announcements in the parish bulletin and a call for member candidates. Ruth Huddle volunteered to fill out the bulletin request form. It was also mentioned that Fr. Charley sent letters to all ministry heads and leaders of the various parish communities requesting representatives from each. We need to ensure meeting notices and a member candidate call to serve message are included in the mass announcements booklet.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Koerber Secretary, St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council

