

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Minutes for Pastoral Council Meeting, 18 January 2018

Present:

Fr. Patrick Ebner
Karin Kennedy
Pat Lippincott
Gerry Green
Hector Flores
Joe Pangelinan
Alberto Castillo
Teresa Gorres
Edith Natividad
Fred Williams

Ann Marie McNew

Meeting called to order: 6:05 PM

Opening prayer by Fr. Patrick

Approval of the minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting of 29 November 2017:

Time was taken for members to read and review the minutes. Karin Kennedy provided copies of the council by-laws. It was discussed that the by-laws will have to be amended to adopt the proposed plan to have the Vice Chair assume the Chair position when the member serving as Chair leaves the council.

Alberto moved that the minutes be approved as is, Teresa seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

Ten Commandments - Regarding having the Ten Commandments and other foundations of our faith prominently displayed at the Faith Formation Center, Stephen Short, the Director of Religious Education checked the classrooms in the FFC. Most classrooms currently have them and he will obtain them for the few classrooms that do not have them displayed.

Catholic Radio - Ann Marie McNew presented information about efforts to bring Catholic radio to the area. Through the Armor of God, a 501.c.3 non-profit they are in the process of purchasing a local high power FM radio station. If the acquisition proceeds as planned the station, which will be listener supported, will be on the air by 1 June of this year.

She asked for the support of the Pastoral Council members in getting the word out about the effort to bring Catholic radio to the area, in particular through networking with current contacts. The McNews will be hosting information meetings and are seeking attendees that could be foundational donors. The McNews will also be attending the upcoming Deanery meeting and

Finance Council meeting. A brief presentation will be made at Holy Family during the masses on 10 and 11 February.

The acquisition cost for the station is approximately \$500K with a monthly cost of up to \$5K depending on the amount of the loan and station upkeep expenses which may range up to \$2K of the monthly expense.

It was brought up to reach out to bulletin advertisers for their support; however, Karin explained that the bulletin expense is currently being covered by the advertisers and requested that they not be sought as donors if it would reduce their advertising.

Listening area maps and a proposed programming schedule were distributed. Support is being sought from the Lampasas County areas in the station coverage area. Teresa will take information with her to Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference in Waco. Hector will try to build awareness and support for the station with contacts in Lampasas.

Fr. Patrick spoke about his experience with getting Catholic radio started in the Bryan-College Station area and its value in inspiration, instruction and evangelization. He encouraged helping spread the word about the station, supporting it as possible, and praying for its success.

New Business:

Proposed Parking Expansion - The Town Square Copperas Cove shopping center, to the south of Holy Family, has expressed an interest in a project to pave part of the area behind My Brother's House. The proposal involves Holy Family retaining ownership of the land, with the parking expansion being shared with TSCC. The proposal was discussed with a consensus that the proposal be rejected. Alberto made a motion that a response be made to TSCC that Holy Family is not interested in their proposal at this time. Teresa seconded the motion, and by unanimous voice vote it was approved.

Store room next to men's bathroom in Social Hall - Fr. Patrick brought up that a concern had been expressed during an event about opposite gender traffic through the men's bathroom while in use by a male.

In preparation for this item David Novak inspected the walls in the vicinity. Discussion included redoing the walls to allow access to the store room without having to go through the men's bathroom; having someone stand by the bathroom door to prevent access to the bathroom while any female is accessing the store room; using the exterior door to access the store room during an event.

Due to wiring in the current walls, redoing the walls would not be practical. The consensus was that the best practice would be to use the exterior door to access the store room when an event is in progress. The parish staff will advise those that will be using the Social Hall of that policy. Move organ console - Moving the organ console would provide more room in the sanctuary; however, it may be at a considerable cost. Fr. Patrick suggested that it be considered with the capital campaign in a couple of years.

Alberto raised a concern about more information needed regarding whether the electronic parameters of the console would support proper function of the organ console over the distance involved. The move will be further considered in future a council meeting.

Joe brought up big screen monitors as another possible capital campaign item. Hector mentioned seeing effective use of them in other Catholic churches and the savings in terms of missals and music books not needed in the pews as readings, responses and songs being displayed on the monitors. Karin explained that there are expenses for the electronic display of those items.

Hector will attend the Finance Council meeting on 1 February as the Pastoral Council representative since Pat will not be able to attend.

Pat reminded members to attend parish events and wear our nametags to facilitate parishioners providing input on parish matters.

Joe brought up a concern about storage capacity at my Brother's House. Fr. Patrick directed that the President of the St. Vincent de Paul chapter should speak with him and how needs could be included in future plans.

Edith mentioned receiving input from some parents about not wanting to have RE moved from Sunday. It was discussed that lengthening the class time presents conflicts for Catechists and children involved in the Altar Server ministry.

Joe brought up a need for more help with unloading the trucks from the Central Texas Food Bank on Fridays. Hector will get with Lynn Capps about a notice for the bulleting requesting more help.

Fred brought up how though the prison ministry is helping inmates, but that more help is needed when they return to the community. There was discussion of available resources, and how to best fill gaps between resources and their needs.

Next meeting date/time was selected as 15 February 2018, at **6 PM**.

The meeting was closed at 7:20 PM with the praying of the Glory Be.