

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Minutes for Pastoral Council Meeting, 15 February 2018

Present:

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

Meeting called to order: 6:02 PM

Opening prayer by Fr. Patrick

Approval of the minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting of 18 January 2018:

Time was taken for members to read and review the minutes. There was discussion about correcting the last sentence in the last paragraph of Old Business regarding support of a Catholic radio station if possible/

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

Old Business:

Demolition of C Building - Fr. Patrick announced that the Finance Council has approved the funds for the demolition and it will start soon with the asbestos abatement and move into the demolition phase. The demolition of C building will save the parish \$2500 per year in insurance expense. The asbestos abatement part is a required due to asbestos being present in C building and any rumor about how the total expense could have been lower should not be spread.

New Business:

Capital Campaign for Diocese - Copies of the letter to Fr. Patrick from Mr. Scott Whitaker, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Austin were distributed and time was taken to review the letter. Fr. Patrick explained how up to the parish goal of \$595,000 the parish will get to retain 30% of the funds with the diocese receiving the other 70%. However, once the goal is reached the percentages will flip and the parish would retain 70%. The parish's participation in the *Encountering Christ* campaign will begin in July 2019 and conclude in December 2019. Pledges made can be fulfilled over five years. There was discussion about the ability of parishioners being able to contribute such that the goal will be met.

Fr. Patrick spoke about finding major areas to be addressed with the funds and encouraged

prayer for God's guidance on how the parish should use the funds, and to trust in God.

FOCUS - Fr. Patrick briefly spoke about the FOCUS program which brings missionaries to parishes to assist in building up the skills of parishioners in praying, evangelizing and making disciples of others.

Name Tag Sunday - Fred brought up an interest in continuing Name Tag Sundays. With changing them to once a quarter some parishioners were not aware of the change and thought the Name Tag Sundays had been discontinued. It was clarified that it would now be done once per quarter.

Senior Singles Group - Fred brought up exploring the interests in forming a parish senior singles group. Fr. Patrick suggested that it not be limited to single seniors. There was discussion about a name for the group and possible activities to include potlucks, celebrating birthdays and bus trips to religious sites. Participating in the Ladies Society trips was mentioned, however, it was expressed that many were not aware of those trips.

It was agreed that a potluck lunch should be held to explore interest in such a group. 18 April at noon in the Social Hall was set as the time and location for the potluck lunch, with Young at Heart as a possible name for the group. Fr. Patrick recommended splitting up tasks in group and perhaps next Valentine time frame having an event with a King and Queen selected.

Sports for youths - Fred brought up using parish space for a volleyball court or half court basketball court to be used by parish and area youth. Discussion touched on the lack of such spaces/equipment being publicly available in the area. The parish does have some equipment that can be temporarily set up and stored when not in use. Parish liability and the possible theft of the equipment if left in place was discussed. An increase of insurance or special event insurance would be required. Also, adult supervision would be needed when the equipment was in use by youths.

DCYC - Teresa spoke about attending with parish youths, in particular the youth mass and such events providing support to youths in their practice and belief in the Catholic faith. Fr. Patrick reinforced the value of such events geared to faith formation, not merely entertaining the youth.

General comments by members present touched on the excellent Ash Wednesday services, Altar Servers participation in prayers during the mass, and progress through the pulpit appeal of bringing Catholic radio to the area. A concern was brought up about the flow of the Communion procession on the Kempner side of the church. The use of the new marks was stressed and that where to stand would be addressed during an EMHC meeting/refresher training next fall (Oct/Nov).

Continued use of FlockNote was encouraged as it seem to be an effective means to disseminate important information. There was some discussion about user preference for email or text.

Next meeting date/time was selected as 26 April 2018, at **6 PM**.

The meeting was closed at 7:00 PM with the praying of the Glory Be.