

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting, September 12, 2017

Members met in the church at 6:50 for prayer and meditation prior to the 7:00 meeting in the lower level of the church. Attending were: Brian Sapp, Carmen Acosta, Jose Calderon, Alice Wheeler, Nancy Glon and Father Royce Gregerson.

Father opened the meeting with a prayer. He briefly went over meeting dates, noting that there would be no meetings in December or January. Items for discussion during meetings need to be given to Fr. Royce by the Monday before the meeting day, and the agenda will be adhered to unless something of importance and unexpectedly come up. Meeting will be kept to an hour in length.

Responsibilities of the PPC were discussed and various areas of specific interest were named. Communication between those areas and the council are intended to be covered by individuals who have special connections in those areas. i.e. Alice Wheeler, Evangelization; Jose Calderon, CHRP; Nancy Glon, liturgy. Other members were uncertain as to where they could be the most helpful. Other areas noted by Father that we need to continue to address are ecumenism and social concerns such as working with others Christians in our community.

Carmen asked if there was a published list of people to contact regarding ministries, and Alice reminded us that such a list already does exist.

Regarding a strategic plan for St. John's, two committees have been formed focusing on Spiritual Needs and Building and Grounds. We were shown the plans for modification of the school office which will create an enclosed space for Lucia and an office for Fr. Royce. Building and Grounds have a 10-5-1 years plan which include better meeting spaces, conference room areas, school growth and our ever present need, parking space.

The Spiritual Committee meet once a month and will concentrate on the true mission of the Church and its spiritual growth, as well as better and increasing interaction between the Spanish and Anglo communities promoting brotherhood at St. John's.

Being the "eyes and ears of the Church community", Jose brought up an unfortunate situation. There has been some conversation circulating about the removal of Blás from his position as DRE. Fr. Royce will take steps to alleviate the problem using intervention if necessary.

A more specific line item financial report is being prepared. Fr. Royce understands the necessity of the parishioners' need to know more exactly how their church support is dispersed. In the past, the report has been too general or too broad. The new report will itemize expenditures more narrowly.

Fr. Royce announced that the winter social will take place sometime after Christmas, probably in January.

Referring again to the Building and Grounds, and as part of the strategic plan, it was noted that better handicap accessibility needs to be added: ramps for the school; push buttons to open the handicap entrance door. Also the buttons at the 3rd Street school entrance door needs to either have a light or a louder buzzer to indicate entry is possible. Currently, it is difficult to know for sure when security has been cleared and one is allowed entry.

Referring to a past and perhaps an ongoing situation, sign-in sheets are in place for students who attend religious ed classes. When parents drop-off students, each youth must sign in to assure attendance. This is important for both parents' information as well as the security of the youngsters who should not leave the grounds for other purposes.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 7:55 P.M.

Nancy Glon – Pro-tem for Monica Ridenour