

## **Minutes of the May 16, 2017 Pastoral Council Meeting**

The meeting started at 7:06 PM with the Opening Prayer led by Fr. Van Dinh.

**Attendance:** Fr. Van Dinh, Mike Pereira, Fidelis Atuegbu, Frank Draschner, Irving Garcia, Cynthia Garay, Dave Parks, Ricardo Echon, Miguel Ibarria, and Glenda Dubsy

**Minutes of the previous meeting** was read and reviewed by all. It has been first motioned by Irving Garcia for approval, and seconded by Cynthia Garay. The following corrections were noted: (1) Irving Garcia's name was on the roll twice; (2) Glenda's last name was corrected to Dubsy; and (3) the word "lunched" on the paragraph was corrected to "launched".

### **Old Business**

Centennial Parish Church Preparation follow-up: Cynthia Garay was not able to attend their second Preparation meeting last April 21, 2017, but Fr. Van announced the following plans for the Festival:

- Kick-off on Saturday will have the (a) Blessing of the newly renovated Hall, (b) Eucharistic celebration; and (c) Dinner.
- On Sunday, there will be procession of the statue of St. Michael after the 11:00AM mass by the Spanish community.
- On October 15, 2017, celebrating the closing of the 100<sup>th</sup> years of Our Lady of Fatima Apparition, there will be procession and rosary by different Ethnic Groups.
- On December, liturgical celebrations continue with the celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- The centennial celebration next year will be officiated by two bishops. There will be Gala Dinner for all, to be headed by Sheryl Ruth. The idea is to have different ethnic communities with their own food booth in the Hall.
- Help is needed in organizing the Centennial Historical Book. For the meantime, Marilyn Igan is in-charge of collecting the historical pictures from the Historical Society. Mike will look for a person to lead the compilation. It has been clarified that the Centennial Historical Book is different from the Directory Book. We are looking into the cost of the Centennial Historical Book, and seeking for donations instead of selling the Centennial Historical Book.
- The month of June will be the last sign up for the Directory Book.
- It has been suggested of possibly having Historical Exhibits; Barbara Mitchell's and Deacon Dave's names were brought up as suggested to be the lead persons. Having a Magazine was also suggested. Place, space, and security of the valued items was an

issue. Planned to have the Centennial Exhibit to be by the end of the Centennial celebration (2-3 weeks before). It was suggested that the last chapter of the book could be the future of St. Michael Parish.

### **Announcements from Fr. Van**

- A new priest, Fr. Alfonso Borgen, a Franciscan, is coming on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Funeral Services of Eric Hom's father will be on Friday (5/19/17). Please keep them in your prayers.
- St. Michael School's new Principal is Ms. Alyson Wilke.

Mike announced that there will be no Ministry Leadership Meeting on June 1, 2017 due to lack of venue. Mike and Eric will look for a different date.

### **Vision: Support Our Mission Statement**

Part I of the book Rebuilt was discussed

- ❖ Common challenges in our society, not just in our parish is the culture of "Consumer-Based" mentality. That people expect to have good customer service. Are we a consumer-based Parish?
- ❖ Are we only to take care of the people that fill-in the church on a weekly basis or reaching out to the lost or those who don't go to Church? Are we attractive enough to at least get them closer to see what beauty the Church has, and to have them realized that it wasn't all about ourselves but it's all about HIM.
- ❖ It has enumerated the TEN wrong things they did in the book. Do we see our Parish in the same mistakes and situations?
- ❖ Having a good formation as a group is a good foundation to build-up a long and lasting strategic plan.
- ❖ For next meeting we are going to discuss Chapters 3 & 4. Please do advance reading.

### **New Business**

- Mike announced that we are looking forward to have a Pastoral Council Meeting break in July 2017.
- Our next Pastoral meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Planning to have a Retreat on July or August.
- A proposed seminar as an event for the Parish to celebrate the Centennial – Live, Share Christ will be coming on July. Fr. Van highly recommends this to Adult Faith Formation, but this is open to the whole community. A series of sessions will be conducted. More details in the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Van at 8:37 PM.

Prepared by:

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