

# Parish Council Minutes

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7pm

Present: Deacon Rob Federle, Jo Anne, Lindquist, Irving Garcia, Fidelis Atuegbu, Cynthia Garay, Ricardo Echon, Fr. Van Dinh, Peter Lawongkerd , Mike Pereira

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Rob  
**Reviewed August Minutes.**

## Announcements

**Parish Concerns** – Door for chapel to be fixed. Deacon Rob addressed

## **Ministry Leadership**

Work is still being done for ministries to tie or integrate with parish mission.

Question was asked on how many ministries we officially have and the number of people, to get stats to see if we are getting more or less people joining.

## **Fr. Van Report**

Hall update was given, work to start Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The year of Mercy ends Oct of this year on Feast Christ the King. The parish had two pilgrimages to the Cathedral. There will be four spiritual reflection talks to be given by outside priests and deacons in October.

The Financial Council is need of another member.

Fr. Van is working with a group of artists to put a new mural in front of church.

## **Deacon Rob Report**

The church staff is still working on a new sound system

Exterior paint for church is still being reviewed by the diocese.

To accommodate new residence in the convent, more of the area is now blocked out for some ministries.

## Old Business

### **Parish Festival Update**

It appears there will be some other major events during our festival. Volunteer sign-ups are still ongoing. Both Cynthia and Deacon Rob had a TV interview to promote the Festival.

### **Small Groups**

A total of 116 people registered

## **New Business**

### **Parish Council Role Review**

We reviewed part of the Diocese of Oakland 2006 parish council recommendations document. The goal of the parish council is to be an advisory role for the pastor.

### **Centennial Church Celebration**

The preparation for this celebration needs to keep in the spirit of the following:

- Remember the past
- Celebrate the present
- Look to the future

We are planning the celebration for the centennial of the church on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on St. Michael feast day.

### **Vision: How to support our Parish Mission Statement**

- Improve process and celebration of Sacraments served in the parish
- Event for the parish to prepare for upcoming centennial
- Space, review what can be done to improve in this area for the parish
- Come up with several other Visions to help improve the parish's future

Fr. Van is looking to update the programs in place, he needs the parish council help to review and advice or be more effective.

The space review is something we will need guidance from the church community.

One recommendation brought up in terms of another vision we should look as a parish, is the issue we have in welcoming people. The welcome ministry is doing a great job, but the volunteers are running thin and can only do so much. How can we better support this program and even some other outreach programs to get more members?

## **Closing**

**Motions** Approved August minutes

**Closing Prayer**

