

Pastoral Council Minutes

Oct 19th, 2016 7pm

Present: Jo Anne, Lindquist, Cynthia Garay, Irving Garcia, Ricardo Echon, Fr. Van, David Parker, Dave Ruth, Mike Pereira

Opening Prayer: Fr. Van
Reviewed September Minutes.

Announcements

Parish Concerns – None reported

Ministry Leadership

A meeting to have all parish ministry leaders still needs to be setup and plan a new election for new group leaders. In addition propose to survey how ministries are doing and encourage to use Flock-note for better communication. We could ask Tina to provide a workshop.

Fr. Van Report

Hall has started some work, but no major projects as of yet.

Shared about the priest conference with the Bishop. The challenges faced for parish's and Catholic schools was reviewed. Fr Van reported that St. Michael's community is changing, more diverse. Faith formation has good attendance and over 200 enrolled for confirmation. Bishop Barber happy with how St. Michael's is progressing. We are still working to improve the welcoming experience for liturgy.

New sound system is being installed with new micro phones, goal is to be completed by Thanksgiving. Still waiting for Diocese to approve painting for exterior of church, color is not being changed. The lighting is nearly finished but we were unable to add dimmer functionality but looking to possibly put filters.

Old Business

Parish Festival Update

Comments and concerns were brought up from the council:

- The dinner could have been better attended why we had the booths closed at that time and so those helping could also join the dinner.
- Better delegation of volunteers.
- Questions were brought up about wether the dance and if it didn't work out as planned.
- There was some disappointment regadring attendance.

- Question was brought up about whether the festival could have been done with less effort in operations?
- There was a sense of community reported, parishioners and other visitors commented that they enjoyed meeting different people.

School Communication – No updates as of yet.

New Business

Parish Concerns Online

Review to see if we have an area on the website for people to anonymously comment on parish concerns. It was commented that Tina does receive emails from the “contact us” area. Mike will followup with Tina to see if we could have a section for pastoral council.

Centennial Church Celebration

Fr Van is looking for assistance on the following:

- A new shrine for St. Michael's status outside in the courtyard. May possibly place it near the side of the church near the rose area and have a grotto built. Irving to followup with some people he knows that have carpentry skills.
- Parish Directory could help identify people in the community. It was recommended that we call it a Centennial Yearbook instead of parish directory.
- Looking for a contractor to help fill in the upper interior dome area above the altar so we can have a flat area for the mural painted.

Vision: How to support our Parish Mission Statement

Three areas of focus to improve the parish: Focus on centennial celebration events, help improve sacrament process and to review our space problem.

The following suggestions:

- We should have a history presentation of the church, it was noted that Deacon Dave would be best for this
- Skip the Festival for 2017 and focus on the Centennial.
- Sell bricks with family names to be placed around the church
- Followup with Livermore City Council to help market our celebration.
- Propose a circular structure in the courtyard area to help with space. Have pillars with saints represented.

- We need to re-visit our ministries , are we giving them enough support?

Based upon discussion, we decided on the order of focus and to expand our planning to help the vision of our church.

Closing

Motions

- Approved September minutes to publish on website. Cynthia fist motion (with corrections) and Dave second the motion.
- The order to elaborate and plan our vision, needs and assessments for our parish for future council meetings (David second):
 - *Event for the parish for upcoming centennial*
 - *Improve Sacraments process*
 - *Space improvement review*
 - *(Added) increase our support for Welcoming ministry and do more about hospitality.*

Closing Prayer