

St Catherine Labouré Pastoral Council Meeting / Retreat

November 5, 2016

Call to order at 9:10 am by Mike Miller, President

Present: Joyce Ford, JoAnn French, Mike Miller, Katie Napp, Michael Orley, Al Parnell, Len Rechichar, John Reed, Dorothy Swehla, and Father Fred.

Absent: none

Guests: Mary Anderson, Dennis Bethke, Marge Bethke, Deacon Michael Holmes, Debbie Nadeau, Leonard Venardos, and Anita Wittal.

Recorder: Tammy Holmes

Opening prayer – JoAnn French

Reading of Parish Mission Statement:

Mission Statement: We, the community of St. Catherine Labouré, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will strive to serve the Gospel message in reaching out as the Body of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters.

Approval of the minutes from September 12, 2016 meeting.

Al made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dorothy seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Call to the public:

None

Public concerns voiced to Council members:

Al – people are wondering if the microphone feedback problem is being addressed. Tammy replied that Father is currently working to have the company from Phoenix come up that worked on the system for Immaculate Conception over in Cottonwood.

Katie – reported that she has receive complaints regarding the Latin songs during Mass. People don't like Latin or don't understand Latin and would like the songs to stop.

Michael O. – reported that he had recently enjoyed attending the Bilingual Mass for All Saints Day. He encourages all of the members to attend and see how joyful and welcoming the community can be.

Pastor's Report:

Nothing submitted this month.

Committee Reports:

Due to time constraints, the members of the committees were not asked to submit a report for this meeting.

Old Business

- **Trunk or Treat review** – Al reported that there were several members of the community who came to our Trunk or Treat, and that there were more children than last year. He was asked why we weren't over at Memory Park as several other churches were there. This may be something to consider for next year. Michael O. felt that the Trunk or Treat was well laid out

and for safety was very defensible. Joyce added that it should have been publicized in the Chino Valley Review.

- **Pastoral Plan Review – not done this month**

- Reach out to former Catholics
- Establish multi-generational programs
- Increase ministry volunteers
- Foster spiritual growth

- **Parish Newsletter for November and December**

- **November – AI** – due date October 15
- **December – Len** – due date November 15

- **Review of Upcoming Events**

- **Veteran's Day program** (November 6 @ 3 pm here at the parish) – the choir is working on practices for this and have asked members from the choirs participating in the Interfaith program if they would like to be part of this event.
- **Thanksgiving brunch** – Free – provided by the Hospitality committee immediately following Mass on Thanksgiving Day open to everyone to attend.
- Chino Valley Hometown Christmas – Mike Orley would be willing to help with a booth. Will need to coordinate with the Ladies of St. Catherine as they lead this project.
- Interfaith Choir program here – December 18 at 6 pm
- Don't Spend Christmas alone dinner - Immediately following the 10 am bilingual Mass in the hall)

New Business

- **Parish Newsletter for January and February**

- **January – Joyce** – due date December 15
- **February – AI** – due date January 15

- **Move of January Meeting due to holiday**

AI made a motion to move the January meeting to the 9th due to the holiday. Michael O. seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Member Concerns / issues

None.

Agenda items for the next meeting in January 9, 2017–

- Please submit any additional agenda items to the office for inclusion in the next meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

RETREAT

A retreat began at 9:30 am for the members of the Parish Council and Finance Council members was presented by Deacon Holmes and the members of the Intentional Disciples group. Deacon Holmes presented slides with information on how the Church has changed in membership as

presented in the book "Forming Intentional Disciples" by Sherry A. Weddell. The group participated in a process called "Lectio Divina" to help them discern what the Holy Spirit was trying to tell us here at St. Catherine's. After the presentation, the group was given the scoring sheets to a "Gifts Inventory" that was sent to them prior to the retreat. The inventory can be used to help people figure out where they may be best suited to volunteer.

All moved to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer at 1:15 pm. Dorothy seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Closing Prayer – Father Fred

Reading of Parish Mission Statement - all

Next Meeting: January 9, 2017 starting at 6 pm in the St. Michael Room.