

St Catherine Labouré Pastoral Council Meeting

July 11, 2016

Call to order at 6:03 pm by Mike Miller, President

Present: Joyce Ford, Mike Miller, Katie Napp, John Reed, Dorothy Swehla, Father Fred

Absent: Al Parnell (excused) and Len Rechichar (excused), Jo Ann French (excused)

Guests: Eileen Wolfe, Michael Orley, Scott Napp

Opening prayer – Dorothy Swehla

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 May 02, 2016 meeting.

Katie made a motion to approve the minutes. Dorothy second the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Call to the public:

Eileen Wolfe – provided the members with a handout regarding Blankets4Kids. Eileen would be the person responsible for emptying the box when full, and delivering the blankets to Blankets4Kids. She would like the box in the hall year-round. She indicated that she will share the donations with SVdP during their Warm for Winter drive. Tammy asked Eileen to provide the size of the box in order to determine how much space it will require, and for everyone to understand how often the box may need to be emptied. During the SVdP drive, they are sometimes called two or three times a week to empty the box. There is also the consideration of who will remove the box from the hall during events that require use of the entire hall, such as the Ladies Bazaar. This item will be on the agenda for September for Council vote.

Public concerns voiced to Council members:

Joyce – was approached by a parishioner regarding our lack of a May crowning. She spoke with Father and responded in the July newsletter. Father Fred added that he will need to plan better for next year.

Pastor's Report:

John – asked if there were issues with the PA system – why do we only hear you part of the time - especially when you are at the altar. Father replied that in part it is due to the position of microphone he wears on his collar. We are looking into options to address that, as well as the popping sounds from the ambo.

Joyce – asked Father what the purpose of the video he mentioned in his report was for. Father replied that it is a general over view video of as many ministries as possible here at St. Catherine's. The Claretian Provincial was disappointed that the video made at Sacred Heart did not include our parish and ministries, and he wants the Claretians to know that we are active here.

Mike Miller asked what the time frame is for the video. Father replied that it would be 10 days to 2 weeks. Father is meeting with the videographers on Friday and further details will be provided.

Father Fred provided the members with a letter he wrote in response to concerns raised by a family that was mailed to the Council.

Committee Reports:

Joyce – asked if the meeting times for St. Catherine’s angels is announced so people can participate, especially since the Catholic Sun did an article on the Angels. Tammy replied that they are announced at Mass and in the newsletter – but at this time we are not meeting until September.

Old Business

- **Pastoral Council Plan –**

- Reach out to former Catholics
- Establish multi-generational programs
- Increase ministry volunteers
- Foster spiritual growth
 - **This item has been on our agenda for quite some time. It was determined that we need to review the plan. Tammy was asked to resend a copy to the members for their review. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.**

- **July Fixed agenda items:**

- **Chino Valley Territorial Days** (Parade September 3rd – theme “Remember When”) Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - **Katie motion to have a booth in the park again this year. Joyce seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.**
 - **Katie & Joyce will run the booth with help from other members of the Council and parish. Katie asked if we have any historical pictures of the starting of the church. Tammy will help Katie pull the photos from the parish archives.**
 - **Eileen suggested “religious freedom” as a theme.**
 - **Father suggested that since we have already worked with the company to produce the “die” for the chocolate, that were-order the chocolate coins, and any leftover can again be handed out for the Trunk or Treat event.**
 - **Mike Miller will check on the cost of the booth, and any “restrictions” that may apply to what we are able to do with our booth.**
- **Halloween Trunk-or-Treat (Monday Oct. 31) – parish parking lot**
 - **Joyce made a motion to hold the Trunk or Treat event again this year. Katie seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.**

- Father suggested that since this is also All Saints eve, it would be good to encourage children to come to Mass dressed as a saint. We have a 5 pm Vigil Mass scheduled, and would begin the Trunk or Treat event immediately following in the parking lot. This year we will section off part of the parking lot close to the church so that we have good light and a wind break.
- Parishioners will again be invited to donate candy and to come help hand it out if they wish.

New Business

- **Parish Newsletter for August & September**
 - **August – none**
 - **September – Dorothy** – due date August 15
 - **October – Katie** – due date September 15

Member Concerns / issues

- **Tammy** – The September meeting falls on the 5th, which is Labor Day.
 - **Joyce made a motion to move the meeting to September 12th. Dorothy seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.**
- **Katie** – asked if there are more planned Theology on the Grill nights as the first one was a huge success. Father added that we can use videos for this as well instead of a speaker. Tammy suggested that we ask the Holy Family ministry team if they are planning more of these events.
- **Dorothy** – asked about the time for the VBS dinner in honor of the Sisters. Father replied that it will begin at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 13. Everything is provided (food, drinks and paper products). He encouraged everyone to attend.

Agenda items for the next meeting in September 12, 2016–

- **Review of the Pastoral Plan**
- **July Fixed Agenda Item review:**
 - Any feedback from the Territorial Days booth
 - Halloween Trunk-or-Treat preparations (Monday, Oct 31)
- **September Fixed Agenda Items:**
 - Annual Council retreat
 - Veteran's Day program (November 6 @ 3 pm here at the parish)
 - Chino Valley Hometown Christmas program (typically held the first weekend in December – Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce)
 - Christmas (brunch served immediately following the 10 am bilingual Mass in the hall)
- Bus Trip – Father Fred
- Blankets4Kids collection box

- New Member selection – one slot available
- Please submit any additional agenda items to the office for inclusion in the next meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Dorothy moved to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer at 7 pm. Katie seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Closing Prayer – Father Fred

Reading of Parish Mission Statement - all

Next Meeting: September 12, 2016 at 6 pm in the St. Michael Room. (moved due to Labor Day Holiday)