

## St Catherine Labouré Pastoral Council Meeting

September 12, 2016

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

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

**Absent:** John Reed

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

**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 July 11, 2016 meeting.

**JoAnn** asked that the minutes reflect that she had informed Father Fred that she would not be attending the meeting in July.

**Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes with the change noted above. Len second the motion. Approved with all in favor.**

**Call to the public:**

**None**

**Public concerns voiced to Council members:**

**Katie** – the Ladies told Katie that Father Fred mentioned that he would like to see something at Christmas time perhaps with the same Elvis impersonator that did the recent SVdP fundraiser. They are also considering a “Sock hop” around Valentine’s Day. The Ladies are not doing the Arts and Crafts show this year. They will be holding a bake sale in November.

**Joyce** – Pam Watson was concerned over the placement of the box for Blankets4Kids in the hall. Pam holds a “Warm for Winter” clothing and blanket drive for SVdP every year. She is concerned that placing the box in the hall will affect the donations to SVdP.

**Pastor’s Report:**

**Mike Miller** asked about the trip to Sedona. Father has selected three possible days, October 17, 21 or 28. Father is finalizing the details with Master’s Touch Tours who will require a minimum of 55 people. Father is looking at the trip running from 9 am to 4 pm. Father is also working with Father Kieran Kleczewski, pastor of St. John Vianney in Sedona to set up the date and time the chapel is available.

**Katie** asked if Confessions would be part of the Sedona trip. Father replied that he is hoping to make that part of the day.

**Mike Miller** asked about the FFA group project. Father replied that we have the 21 acres that were recently donated to the parish. Fifteen acres are available to work with the FFA group to use for farming. The parish has already purchased the water. The FFA group would grow the crops, and any money generated from sales of the crops would be donated to church.

The crops would be primarily grown to support local food banks. Once a plan is developed, we have to notify the Diocese for approval of the plan. The school has insurance that will cover the students working on the property. The school has a safe environment program, but we will need to find out if the school staff will need to take our Safe Environment training as well in order to work on the property.

**Dorothy asked** Father to clarify the parish office hours. Father stated the office is open from 10 am to 6:30 pm Monday to Friday, and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Len** informed the Council that Knights are sponsoring their 3rd annual BBQ on October 1st from 3 pm to 7 pm in the hall. They will be setting up Friday night and smoking the pork overnight. Tickets being sold until September 25th. \$10 adults, \$5 for 12 and under. This year they decided not to hold the BBQ the night before the monthly pancake breakfast as it was very tiring. The Knights are doing the barbequing for the next Theology on the Grill night on September 23. Their Tootsie roll drive will be in October, and Len will be speaking to the parish for a membership drive on October 1st and 2nd.

**Al** asked about the parking lot project – are we moving forward? Father replied that two bids were received, but they were ultimately rejected due to the high costs. At this time, we have done some repairs for drainage issues, but there are no plans to move ahead with this project.

### **Old Business**

- **New member Appointment –**

**Father Fred** announced that Michael Orley has been appointed to the Council. All Council seats are now filled.

- **Pastoral Council Plan Review– No discussion at this meeting.**

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

- **July Fixed agenda items:**

- **Chino Valley Territorial Days Review**

Mike Miller, Joyce Ford, Katie Napp, Michael Orley, and Len Rechichar manned the booth.

**Katie** reported that the group handed out literature at the booth. They handed out lots of Chocolate and people seemed pleased overall to stop by.

**Mike Miller** reported that several people stopped to talk to them. He wanted to make sure to recognize Larry and Barb Cox for providing brochures from the Knights of Columbus to help people learn about our faith. Overall it was good.

**Michael Orley** asked if there would be any interest in developing a power point program? He stated the wind made keeping some of the things on the table a bit difficult. He would be happy to develop something. Ultimately, the problem is power for the laptop.

- **Halloween Trunk-or-Treat (Monday Oct. 31)** – will be in the parish parking lot immediately following the 5 pm Vigil Mass. We have candy from the Territorial Days event. Tammy will publish this event beginning with the bulletin for September 25. As we did last year, we will invite people to drop off candy that we can hand out. We will be setting up in the parking lot under the lights this year, instead of out by the highway. The event will be open to the public. In addition, children will be encouraged to dress as their favorite saint to attend Mass. The Mass at 7 pm on November 1<sup>st</sup> will be a bilingual Mass and the children will be encouraged to dress as their favorite saint for that Mass as well. We will
- **Blankets4Kids collection box -**
  - Joyce motion to approve placing the box in the hall. JoAnn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.**
- **Parish Newsletter for August & September**
  - **October – Katie** – due date September 15
  - **November – Al** – due date October 15
  - **December – Len** – due date November 15

## **New Business**

- **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.
- **Intentional Disciples** – JoAnn French, Marge Bethke, Dennis Bethke, Anita Wittal, Debbie Nadeau, Mary Anderson, Joyce Ford, Deacon Holmes book explains difference between Cultural Catholics and those who have a relationship with Christ that is more fruitful than just going through the motions. There are many programs available for parishes to use to bring members to a better relationship with Christ. Father – depends on the individual. Cradle Catholics have a relatively poor understanding of their faith (second grade) – need to be better evangelized in their faith. Will need a multi-faceted approach to make this work. Dennis Bethke – why did you think as a council that this was important? What do you have as a council want to get out of it and why? Do you care – or is it just something Father said he was excited about. Dcn Holmes – not just Council that didn’t participate. Marge – Father what do you think is the purpose. Father – not a group project. Needs to have personal commitment to make it work – if individual isn’t committed, there is no result. Father – maybe a Christmas or Easter gift. Expectations high from people who bought into the program – the reality is that we don’t know who will be touched by the book. There is a need for one on one encounter in order for this to work. Mary – how do we get people to decide to want to learn more about Christ? Councils need to set the tone – we need to make the connections – not coming late and leaving early. Need to establish trust and safety to make them comfortable with us. The more you know, the more you want to know more. We must ask them individually. We need to attend as many events as we can in order to make our presence known – people need to see us in order to trust us to help them learn about their faith. Katie – relationship first and then reach out – she did this book with the Light of the World group in Prescott. Deacon Holmes – foster

Taize (music service), Lectio, Rosary before Mass – help foster prayer as a first step. There are many individual approaches to faith. Father – BUSY vs prioritizing things that are important. A relationship with Jesus must become your first priority. We have to have a new understanding in order to make something new happen. The question is “what can I do?” not “what can We do?” How far do I go out of my comfort zone to expand my relationship with Jesus? Marge – what resources do we present to the community to help them? FORMED.org has many programs that are available – anyone can lead the classes. There is a need for evening classes for those who cannot attend during the daytime. Mike Miller – summarizing – what do we want to do with this information? Deacon Holmes – asking the Council to be supportive and lead by example. Father Fred – not everyone can be a “St. Paul” – most saints take a lifetime. We need to take the first step – and be honest with what we are willing to do and not to do. Katie – Light of the World group?

- **September Fixed Agenda Items:**

- Annual Council retreat – Theme – Discipleship Mike Orley second Len approved. JoAnn Nov. 5 AI seconded. All in favor. Intl Disciple group to facilitate the retreat. Brunch – start with Mass 8:30 am to 1 pm lunch included. Joann motion Katie seconded all in favor.
- Chino Valley Hometown Christmas – Mike Orley would be willing to be willing to help with a booth
- Interfaith Choir program here – December 18
- Don't Spend Christmas alone dinner - Immediately following the 10 am bilingual Mass in the hall)

## **Member Concerns / issues**

**Father Fred – ladies are taking a break this year from the arts and crafts show.**

## **Agenda items for the next meeting in November 5, 2016–**

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

**AI moved to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer at 7:45 pm. JoAnn seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.**

**Closing Prayer – Father Fred**

**Reading of Parish Mission Statement - all**

Next Meeting: November 5, 2016 starting at 8:30 am with Mass and then in the St. Michael Room.