

St Catherine Labouré Pastoral Council Meeting

March 12, 2018

Call to Order – at 5:57 pm by President, Dorothy Swehla.

Present – Joyce Ford, JoAnn French, Sean Holmes, Katie Napp, Michael Orley, Len Rechichar, John Reed, Dorothy Swehla and Father Fred.

Absent - Al Parnell (excused)

Guests – Deacon Michael Holmes, Mike Mollere

Recorder: Tammy Holmes

Opening prayer – John Reed

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 minutes –

Mike Orley made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2018. Sean seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Call to the public:

None

Public concerns voiced to Council members:

Joyce – was asked by Barbara Braendle if there was a safety plan here at St. Catherine's. Tammy replied that the Diocese is actively working on a template that will be deployed throughout the Diocese. We have a member of St. Catherine's who is part of the development team. He will also be leading the efforts here at St. Catherine's.

Pastor's Report:

Dorothy asked if leasing the property on Road 1 West would result in a lowering of taxes on the property. Father replied that we expect a 75% reduction in the taxes.

Sean asked if Sacred Heart was making progress on their renovation. Father replied that they will begin the main renovations immediately following Easter. They are currently working on the elevator.

Dorothy asked if St. Germaine's was still going to be starting their project at the same time as Sacred Heart. Father replied that they have had to push back their project to late this year or next year due to funding issues.

Katie asked if the waiver the town was asking for was holding up the permit for the sign. Father replied that the town has asked for us to sign a waiver stating that we cannot sue them if the property is devalued. At this time, that is not holding up progress on the sign. We are proceeding with the permit process and expect to know more after the public hearing portion has been completed.

John asked Father how much longer his voice would be affected by laryngitis. Father replied that he hopes it will be resolved very soon.

Katie was told by someone that there seems to be confusion as to the role of EM's in the parish. Father replied that the person who made the statement has decided not to participate in this ministry at this time. Training is regularly offered to the ministers, and this particular individual did not understand all of the processes.

Committee Reports –

Due to the budget process, there were no Committee reports this month.

Len reported to the Council that the Knights collected five boxes of food at their recent Lenten food drive in conjunction with their monthly breakfast. They took the proceeds of the breakfast and purchased an additional 4 boxes of food. All of the food was given to the Chino Valley Food Bank.

Katie mentioned that the Ladies provide baskets for people in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as do a baby shower for the Life Pregnancy Resource Center here in Chino. This year's baby shower will be held in May in conjunction with Mother's Day as it has been in the past.

OLD BUSINESS –

- **Reach out to former Catholics** – Catholics Welcomed Home, RCIA, Intentional Disciples. Tammy reported that we have seven people signed up to attend the Catholics Welcomed Home program this year. The sessions begin on March 17.
- **Establish multi-generational programs** – Holy Family Ministry. Sean reported that the Young Adult Group recently started by the Holy Family Ministry is coming up with some ideas.
- **Increase ministry volunteers** – As new members join parish, we are getting an occasional volunteer. The Holy Family Ministry is currently asking for volunteers to help them continue the programs they have established.
- **Foster Spiritual Growth** – Intentional Disciples program. Young Adult Group. JoAnn reported that the current leadership team is working through the Called and Gifted program. Mike Orley will be leading the next session of Forming Intentional Disciples, beginning on March 17.

Upcoming Events

- Mass of Anointing of the Sick – March 17 at 10 am
- Knights Blood Drive – March 17
- Just Coffee sales March 17 & 18 the hall after Saturday and Sunday morning Mass.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) March 29 @ 7 pm
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross March 30 @ 12 noon
- Good Friday Veneration of the Cross March 30 @ 3 pm
- Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) March 31 @ 7:15 pm
- Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am (Spanish)

Parish Newsletter – due by the 15th of the month prior

1. April – Michael Orley
2. May – JoAnn French
3. June – Len Rechichar

New Business

- **none this month**

Member Concerns –

Len – asked if the leak in the church had been addressed. Tammy replied that we had someone out earlier today.

Katie – The Ladies are not allowed to distribute food cooked in the kitchen to non-parishioners. They want to know why the Knights are allowed to send home food from the breakfast to a family that are not members of the parish. Father replied that the Knights are a separate 501c3 than the Church and their insurance will be responsible if there are any issues.

Dorothy – Al is recuperating in Phoenix after having surgery. It is unknown at this point when he will be back.

Agenda items for next meeting on May 14, 2018

- **Approval of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**
 - **We MUST have a quorum of members present at this meeting! Please mark this date on your calendars!**
- **Nomination of Officers for President and Vice-President**
 - Len has agreed to consider nomination as President
 - Dorothy will be resigning from the Council at the end of June.
 - John Reed will remain on the Council, but will not remain as Vice-President
 - Mike Mollere has expressed a desire to join the Council
 - Joyce has indicated she may be resigning from the Council

JoAnn made a motion to close the meeting after prayer and mission statement at 6:40 pm. Mike Orley seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Closing prayer – Father Fred

Mission statement read by all.

Next meeting May 14, 2018