

St Catherine Labouré Pastoral Council Meeting

November 13, 2017

Call to Order – by President Dorothy Swehla at 6:01 pm

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

Absent - none

Guests – Sean Holmes, Larry 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 minutes –

Al made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2017. JoAnn seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Call to the public:

Larry Wittal – Intentional Disciples – expressed his concern that he has heard nothing being done with the list of suggestions that were made to the Council by the Intentional Disciples group. He asked why nothing has been in the bulletin, or announced. Michael Orley asked Larry what specifically he was referring to. Larry replied one of the things was sending cards to new or moving members. Another was having authorized certified exhibits of religious artifacts come to St. Catherine's. Tammy asked if that was the purpose of the new Intentional Disciples ministry group that had been given a budget - to work with that list and to apply things that they feel are appropriate for the parish as their group sees fit. Father agreed that the newly formed Ministry was in charge of reviewing the list.

Public concerns voiced to Council members:

Katie – had people say that the large trees in front obstructs the view of cross. She heard that there was someone who was going to work on the trees, but she is concerned that no one knows anything about the people doing the work. Tammy replied that the person has been vetted.

Pastor's Report:

Father Fred reported that we are in the process of working on replacing the damaged highway sign through our insurance company. The light pole that was also damaged is to be replaced ASAP due to safety concerns. The fence is also in process, the person who damaged a portion of the fence will also be responsible for replacing that portion. The person is in jail – please keep him in our prayers.

JoAnn will be certified for working with RCIA through Kino.

The newly formed Intentional Disciples Ministry will be offering the Called and Gifted program for evangelization.

The remodel of the Sacristy is mostly complete. We are currently looking into vinyl flooring.

Al – asked if the construction Sacred Heart / St. Germaine is still on plan. Father replied that Sacred Heart is planning on beginning the last week of December with the work on the inside of church. Their elevator is on hold until February. As a result, they are not on target for completion for Easter, more likely it will be June/July. Part of the problem is that building supplies and labor are in short supply due to recent hurricanes and fires. As a result, we have seen our collection is already up 20%.

John – asked how Father liked the new sound system. Father replied that he likes it, people have said they can now hear him. Everything worked well for the recent Veterans Day program. Overall, he is very pleased. We probably need a bit more tweaking and are looking at replacing the wireless mics for the clergy.

Committee Reports –

Katie – added that the Ladies are participating in the HomeTown Christmas event on Saturday December 9th at Heritage Middle School. They are going to have “Jesus is the Reason” buttons. Kiwanis gave the Ladies a donation to help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

JoAnn – reported that the Called and Gifted program will be offered in January. This is the “next phase” of Intentional Disciples.

Len – reported that the recent Altar Server training session went well, with approximately 80% of the servers attending. The Knights of Columbus have given gift cards to Father for families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS –

- **Reach out to former Catholics** – Catholics Welcomed Home, RCIA
- **Establish multi-generational programs** – Holy Family Ministry
- **Increase ministry volunteers** – We have trained two new volunteers, with two more to train
- **Foster Spiritual Growth** – Intentional Disciples program Len reported the classes are wonderful. Michael felt there has been good response to Father’s call to add Devotion before meetings by the groups.

Review of Trunk-or-Treat event – Michael, Len, Joyce, and Katie were in charge of the event. Tammy had provided two paper boxes of candy, which included the candy purchased for the event and several donations from parishioners. This year, there was only ½ box of candy left – a good sign of a very good turnout. All members agreed it was an enjoyable event. Anita made soup for the crew. Father asked that a “this worked / this didn’t” evaluation be done for future reference. Michael Orley will put something together.

Upcoming Events

- Just Coffee Sales November 18 & 19 in the hall after Saturday and Sunday morning Mass
- Thanksgiving Dinner 1 pm in the hall on Thanksgiving Day

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

1. December - Len
2. January - Al

New Business

- **Appointment of New Member** – Father has accepted Sean Holmes' offer to join the Council. Sean will be serving from November 2017 to June 2021.
- **Pastoral Council Retreat** –
 - Al suggests January 13 starting with Mass at 8:30 ending at noon.
 - **Len made a motion to move the January meeting to the 13th and hold the retreat on January 13 beginning with Mass at 8:30 and ending at noon, with the topic for the retreat to be centered on fostering and supporting multigenerational programs here at the parish. Michael seconded. Approved with all in favor.**
 - Michael and Sean and Katie will discuss the topics and do the presentation.
 - Brunch for the group will be arranged by Tammy and will be served during an abbreviated meeting that will be held just before the retreat.
- **Christmas – Christmas eve Masses will be 4 pm and 8 pm; Christmas day Masses will be at 8 am & 10 am (bilingual).** As Christmas falls on a Monday this year, people will need to attend Christmas eve Masses on Sunday evening or Christmas day Masses on Monday. Attending Mass on Sunday morning will not count for the Christmas obligation.

Member Concerns –

Michael – usually does not attend Veterans programs as they can be too emotional, but he was pleasantly surprised by the program. It was well done by the choir.

Dorothy – attended the annual Corporate meeting held on October 31. The minutes have been prepared and they will be sent to the Bishop per the requirements of the Arizona Corporation committee.

Agenda items for next meeting on January 13, 2017

- Standing item - Lent/Easter discussion
- Should the Pastoral Council host a soup / Stations of the Cross for Lent?
- Retreat – focus on intergenerational programs

Al made a motion to close the meeting after prayer and mission statement at 6:55 pm. Len seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Closing prayer – Father Fred

Mission statement read by all.

Next meeting January 8, 2018