

Parish Council Meeting October 14th, 2016

Present: Jim Yates, Fr. Hernando Gomez, Mikol Maitland, Tom Kozlowski, Pete Comerford, Mirna Taylor, Craig Davis (Lisa Patterson), Jeffrey Lubenko, Wesley Fischer, Ellen Fischer, Sandee Macedo, Kathy Kasnic, Geno Davidson, Lucille Villalobos.

Not present: Maria Quintero, Don Morley, Sheila Tavano

Guest: Paul Kodelja

Opening prayer by Fr. Hernando

Jim asked us to introduce ourselves.

- Jim asked if there were any questions or corrections re the last meeting minutes. None. Approved by Ellen Fischer. 2nd by Mikol Maitland.
- Jim asked if there were any questions or corrections re the St. James minutes. None. Accepted as written.
- Pastors comments
 - Upon completion of report, Jim asked Wes Fischer to share information he had obtained about the kitchen remodel. Wes has spoken to an equipment expert regarding the replacement of the stove. This individual recommends that the stove not be replaced, but rather repaired due to the fact that it was much better built vs the new models. Mikol Maitland agreed. He said that the old ones are “work horses” and so much better. Mikol also said that there is a hollow floor under the cement riser and structural issues could occur with the removal of it. There is also a risk of the gas line being bent and pulled if a new unit is replaced on castors vs. placed on the cement riser.

Jim has asked Mikol and Wes to participate in the discussion/review/planning meetings so that their information is included.

Geno asked who is “in charge” of the project. Jim clarified that Colette Polaski is coordinating the efforts. Geno also asked about the bid and if the project is funded. New appliance bids = \$25,000-\$28,000 + 10-15% contingency = close to \$30,000. Funding will be reviewed once the final bid, including labor, permits & appliances, is determined.

- Presentation of Nomadic Homeless Shelter – Paul Kodelja:
 - Paul read the proposal, asking that St. Patrick’s provide housing for the homeless in Cantwell Hall on Tuesdays during the months of November to April. Jim advised that the Parish Council is an advisory committee and not a decision making entity. There are other questions the committee may have for future discussion.

Jim asked for all questions and discussion to be held at this time. Sandee will put it on the next agenda for discussion. Geno suggested a council member attend a meeting at another parish. Father said the diocese would also need to approve an endeavor like this.

- Knights of Columbus: Jeffrey Lubenko

October is a busy time for the Knights of Columbus. This weekend is the annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit people with developmental disabilities. MORE is the local recipient of this fundraiser.

Next weekend is the Walk for the Dignity of Life: Funds can go to any charity that is chosen, but it is asked that 20% of it go to the parish. There is a concert afterward.

November 19th is a dinner theater event.

Pete Comerford reported that Christmas cards will be available for purchase beginning next weekend, October 22nd and October 23rd.

- Building Bridges: Lucille
 - Met for the quarterly meeting. Bishop Soto is encouraging integration of Hispanic people in to all organizations. We are doing well.
 - 2,000 people attended Ministry Days at St. Francis High School.
- Hispanic Community: Mirna
 - Dinner in October went well.
 - November 2nd will be a Mass for the dia de los muertos.
 - November 6th is the next Kermes
- Financial report: Sandee

Jim asked if all new members have had a chance to review the by-laws. He discussed that meeting should be held to 1 hour at the maximum, unless there is a need to go over by ½ hour and all approve it. There was a reminder to all organizations to submit written reports prior to the meeting.

- Because time allowed for 1 additional agenda item, Father asked that the Clothes Closet be discussed. There are new issues about running it primarily due to a variety of safety concerns. There are fewer volunteers than in the past, intimidation factors, the mess that is left when bags are sifted through, etc. Additionally, there have been break ins via the bathroom windows and, sadly, human waste & syringes found around campus are becoming regular occurrences. Also, regarding the finances: The heat is sometimes left on after the volunteers have left the Clothes Closet. The paid staff, including custodians and employees of Religious Education, must clean up in the morning thereby interfering with their duties. These factors result in significant costs for the parish.

Discussion: Green Valley Church has a Clothes Closet that perhaps we could merge our efforts by sending our volunteers & donations there. It has been decided to further discuss / study options with an outcome expected for implementation by January 1st, 2017. Sandee suggests involving those currently involved with this ministry.

Meeting adjourned.

Closing prayer by Fr. Hernando.

Next meeting is November 18th, 2016, due to observance of Veteran's Day on November 11th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Kasnic, (in the absence of Sheila Tavano, Secretary).