

Pastoral Council Meeting December 6, 2017

Father Don, Rodney Cox, Vanita Thomas, Don Zschoche, Amy Simmons, Monsi Martinez, Barbara Shallue, Angie Lofton, Christina Clem, Michael Urtado, Richard Castillo, Karen Karr and Melissa Callan are present.

Opening prayer by Vanita.

Meeting called to order by Barb at 6:35.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by Rodney Cox and seconded by Richard Castillo.

RE coordinators are here to update us.

Michael Urtado - 14 students are in the HS program (4 of whom have made confirmation). They are concentrating on learning more about the Mass and the creed. An excellent program is "Alterations" per Michael. They want to promote DCYC again and plan to attend February 2-4, 2018 in Waco. They are getting adjusted to the new classrooms in the Ministry Center and meeting between Masses again this year. They also plan to incorporate Life Teen soon.

Youth group is slow to get started this year. It's hard to get people to show up. Father Don suggested talking to St. Thomas More or St. Margaret Mary about joining their Life Teen Mass occasionally.

World Youth Day is January 19-21, 2019 in Panama and we need to see if anyone is interested in attending and fundraising soon.

Michael suggested changing up the music at Mass occasionally. It needs to be addressed to Deacon Ed.

Rodney thanked the RE teachers for their service to our youth.

Angie is teaching MS. There are ~12 students. They use the UCAT. It comes with a study guide. 4 main areas of focus--prayer, service, Bible and participation.

They have done service at Open My World and will help with the Dominican Sisters during Lent. Classroom space is not really improved with the new buildings. There have been frustrating things occur with moving into them also. Rodney explained that we need to "let the dust settle" and let things work out in a few months and thanked them for their patience. We will follow up on this as needed.

Christina is teaching ES (and replaced Eileen as RE Director). There are about 60 registered students. It was off to a smooth start mostly. The teachers have been very positive and upbeat. They are using a series called "Finding God." Christina has been communicating at least once a week with teachers and parents.

Christina would like a calendar to see what's planned for the buildings. We should look into getting a Google calendar for the parish to share ideas and plans.

Christina would also like some guidance for developing a budget. This needs to be reviewed and updated.

Youth report by Amy. She would like to look into fundraising for the Youth World Day trip. It is ~\$3,000.00 per student. Possibly 6-7 students are interested.

Old Business -

Capital Campaign - just the "punch list" of a few things left to do.

Server/Lector attendance is up and handled by Karen Eckermann.

New Business -

Council Retreat? Yes, there will be one per Father Don, but a future date will be decided later.

Security? No advice was forthcoming from the Bishop after the Sutherland Springs tragedy, but our church has a committee in place that is working on this. It starts with the parking lot and people paying attention and the ushers too.

Bulletin - Richard Castillo recommended using a small space in our bulletin for important announcements in Spanish. Space is limited, but Karen Karr suggested eliminating the birthdays section--it is so hard to keep this current--many people have left the area, but never update their information with the parish office.

The next scheduled meeting is January 17, 2018.

Closing prayer by Father Don.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Karr