

St Catherine Labouré Pastoral Council Meeting

July 09, 2018

Call to Order – by President Len Rechichar at 6 pm.

Present – Joyce Ford, JoAnn French, Sean Holmes, Katie Napp, Michael Orley, Al Parnell, Len Rechichar, and Father Fred.

Absent - John Reed

Guests – None

Recorder: Tammy Holmes

Opening prayer – JoAnn

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 May 14, 2018. Sean seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Call to the public:

None

Public concerns voiced to Council members:

Katie – there was some unhappiness about the rock being done at the same time as the Rummage Sale. Tammy replied that the contractor was supposed to come a week later. Katie said over all the sale did well, they had lots of items donated, and after the sale the remaining items were donated.

Pastor's Report:

Capital Campaign – starting to meet with the person assigned by the Diocese. 6 months release of information to the parish. \$500k over the next 5 years. get back 35% of what ever is raised by our parish.

Joyce – asked if most of the money goes to Phoenix for schools and such? Father replied that the new high school is built, and they have a grand opening this month. Not much else is being done up north aside from work on the Neuman Center at Northern Arizona University. However, it's a benefit for us as we do get something back, which is different than the CDA that funds programs almost exclusively in the Valley. Like the CDA the Capital Campaign is paid to the Diocese not the parish. We need to do the best we can as we have a commitment to take care of the church today and tomorrow, and to remember those who sacrificed on our behalf.

Len – added that our parish is a very generous parish. Father replied that we gave more to the CDA than St. Germaine's and Sacred Heart. In order for the Capital

Campaign to be successful, we need people who are not giving now to commit to giving something to the campaign. Statistically, we need 500 people to give \$1k a year for the next five years. Everything collected over the goal stays with the parish, in addition to our 35% of the campaign goal.

AI – inquired about the meeting with the CDA director last month. Father replied the Director came up to get to know us better and to share concerns over the CDA for next year with the onset of the Capital Campaign. Despite his fears, they did not ask us to come up with more money. She wanted to meet the people who are leading the CDA campaigns in the parishes to see if there was anything we needed to continue to meet our goal. CDA did make its goal diocesan wide.

Diocesan Audit - Father had mentioned last month that we would potentially be due for a Diocesan Audit this year. Tammy replied that the dates given to us to choose from were August 13 or August 15. Father replied that he would prefer the 13th due to the Holy Day of Obligation on August 15.

Katie – asked if there were still plans to get another priest to help Father here at St. Catherine's. Father replied It's "in process." Fr. Darrin is leaving Sacred Heart. Fr. Raj is the new pastor, Fr. Ralph is 80, Fr. Vincente is learning English. At this time, there is no one available to put here at St. Catherine's.

Father reported that Sacred Heart's remodel project is on schedule. St. Germaine's has experienced another delay.

Father added that our Masses have not seen a consistent increase in attendance. All of the English-speaking Masses, 5pm, 7:30 & 9:30, have been packed but not any consistent basis. The 11:30 am Spanish Mass attendance is low due to summer vacation, something that happens every year.

Committee Reports –

AI – asked about the Safe Environment Training email he received from the Diocese. Tammy explained there were many changes to the SET office as the director has left, and they are reorganizing the SET office under the direction of Dr. Anne Vargas-Leverisa, the Director of Child and Youth Protection. This year, the Diocese has change all volunteers to "annual renewal" and this was the reason they sent out the email asking everyone to complete a renewal.

OLD BUSINESS –

- **Reach out to former Catholics** – Catholics Welcomed Home, RCIA, Intentional Disciples
- **Establish multi-generational programs** – Holy Family Ministry, Young Adult Group
- **Increase ministry volunteers** – As new members join parish, we are getting an occasional volunteer.
 - **Tammy reported** that we just trained two new volunteers on Saturday July 7. **Len** added that they have two new Knights as well.
- **Foster Spiritual Growth** – Intentional Disciples program. Bible Studies, Adult Formation Classes, Young Adult Group.

- **JoAnn** informed the Council that the Intentional Disciples Ministry is looking to set up a Retreat with Light of the World from Sacred Heart. Father suggests giving Fr. Raj an opportunity to settle into his position and determine if he will allow LOTW to continue.
- **JoAnn** also informed the Council that the Alpha course has been presented to some leaders at the parish and will they be talking to Embry Riddle.
- **Len** encouraged everyone to talk to people that you don't know. Feedback has been very favorable as our visitors are very pleased with their reception here at St. Catherine's. **Mike Orley** added that he saw some feedback on Facebook stating that they were delighted by their reception here at the parish.

Upcoming Events

- VBS continues to July 12
- VBS Dinner on July 11 @ 5:30 – not a potluck this time. Ziti, pierogis and enchiladas and apple pie.
- Knights Blood Drive July 14 – last few drives met or exceeded goal
- Just Coffee Sales July 14 & 15 after 5 pm, 7:30 and 9:30 Masses
- Ladies backpacks for kids = end of July

Project Update

- Installation of Highway Sign slated for July 17
- Installation of Confessional Light (in progress) DONE!!
- New alarm system for front door – hoping for the end of July

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

1. August - Katie
2. September - Len
3. October – Michael Orley

New Business

Standing Agenda Items –

- **Territorial Days** – Tammy will forward the e-mail regarding the Territorial Days to Michael Orley who will lead those interested in working the Territorial Days booth. **Katie** will assist.
- **Halloween** – Trunk or Treat do we keep it at St. Catherine's, or do we join the town for the town celebration? Do we buy candy from Costco? Everyone was pleased with the event here at the parish last year. **Al** added that he was asked why our Church "did its

own thing” instead of participating like all of the other Churches in the towns’ event. **Sean** voiced a concern that we may be limited on the number of volunteers due to lack of space. Father asked what the purpose of doing the Trunk-or-Treat event was. If it was to reach out to the community, perhaps it would be best to join the larger event. **Tammy** added that even if we did join the larger event, we could still do something here at the parish for the parishioners after Mass. **Michael Orley** will check into this with the town.

Member Concerns –

JoAnn liked the new “opening line” for the announcements.

Len – reported a very successful Knights breakfast, and amazing generosity for the Rose of Life program. They are getting in more of the Life Roses.

Katie – Ladies looking to do a table for the Rose for Life Banquet for Life Connections at their October banquet.

Len – reported he keeps hearing good things from visitors.

AI – asked if our plate collection was going up with the visitors? Father replied there was an increase. Our budget for this year shows a decrease for the income and an increase for the expenses, as we are uncertain how the Capital Campaign will affect our plate income in the coming year.

Agenda items for next meeting on September 10, 2018

- Halloween
- Pastoral Council Retreat
- Christmas
- Review of Pastoral Council Constitution

AI made a motion to close the meeting after prayer and mission statement at 7:03 pm. JoAnn seconded the motion. Approved with all in favor.

Closing prayer – Father Fred

Mission statement read by all.

Next meeting September 10, 2018