Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 26, 2017  
Minutes

Gathering and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Herman Indra, Chairman.

Members present:
- Michele Richards
- Herman Indra
- Clare Marie Einsmann
- Margaret Hruz
- Noel Nepomuceno
- Rick Wlodyga
- Nivea Naficy
- Monsignor John Urell

Members absent:
- None

Opening Prayer

Monsignor Urell opened the meeting with a reading. And there was discussion of our personal journeys into the future. There were individual discussions and prayers for all of us on our journeys.

Margaret Hruz announced that she has sight problems (macular degeneration) and asked to members of the Council for their prayers.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Clare Einsmann presented the minutes of the prior meeting. After review and discussion, Nivea Torres-Naficy moved to approved the minutes. Rick Wlodyga seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Welcoming Reception

Monsignor Urell reported that there was a very successful welcoming reception on June 11th. There were about 20 people. It was the largest number of
people who have attended a reception this year. The group was very a variety of ages and family size.

**Our Father’s Table**

Herman Indra reported there was a luncheon meeting on June 7th. Currently the group is assembling all the items for the 4th of July weekend. This will be an annual event. The event will be at San Phillipe. There is of the one homeless who comes to the St. Timothy pantry regularly. He has been approached to see if he would like assistance, however, it is believed he may have a substance abuse problem.

**Pastoral Services Appeal**

Monsignor Urell reported that to date 429 households have made pledges to the PSA for a total of approximately $275,000. The Diocesan goal for 2017 was $137,000.

The issue is how do we get more families to participate. Only 16% of parishioners are participating. How do you get more people involved? It is the same 20% of the rest of the parishes in the diocese are seeing give.

**Casino Night**

Clare Einsmann reported that the next Casino night will be February 10th 2018. She has not yet determined a budget and will be developing the cost of the event in the next few months.

**New Business**

Monsignor Urell encouraged the Council to attend the four summer BBQ and Speaker Series on July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st – each Monday. The Parish will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and water. **Attendees** are asked to bring side dishes to share with the other attendees.

Hot August Night will be Friday, August 25th. As in the past, all volunteers within the parish ministries are invited to attend.

Father Vincent will be arriving on Saturday. Monsignor Urell reminded all the members of the Council to welcome him to the Parish.

Monsignor Urell indicated that he had recently read a book, “Great Catholic Parishes”. It is a study on parishes that discovered that there are 4 characteristics that make for a great parish - strong lay leadership, excellent Sunday liturgy, evangelize in intentional, structured ways and foster spiritual maturity and plan for discipleship. He asked if St. Timothy and the Pastoral Council is spending our time on the right concepts – are we working on the business or at the business?
He suggested that it might be beneficial to measure ourselves to the ideals against the benchmark in the book. He gave a copy of Great Catholic Parishes by William E. Simon, Jr. to each member of the Pastoral Council and asked them to read it before the next meeting in August.

**Adjourn**

It was noted that the next meeting will be Monday, August 28th. There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Marie Einsmann
Secretary

Attested to by,

Herman Indra
Chairman