



**Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 26, 2017  
Minutes**

**Gathering and Call to Order**

**Msgr. John Urell**

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

**Herman Indra  
Chairman**

Members present:

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

**Clare Marie Einsmann  
Secretary**

**Nivea Torres Naficy  
Alternate Secretary**

**Margaret Hruz**

**Noel Nepomuceno**

Members absent:

None

**Michele Richards**

**Rick Wlodyga**

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Currently the group is assembling all the items for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. This will be an annual event. The event will be at San Phillippe. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> – 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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