Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 28, 2017  
Minutes

Gathering and Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Herman Indra, Chairman.

Members present
   Herman Indra
   Michele Richards
   Rick Wlodyga
   Clare Einsmann
   Margaret Hruz
   Monsignor John Urell
   Nivea Torres Naficy

Members Absent
   Noel Nepomuceno

Also present
   Father Vincent Pham

Opening Prayer

Monsignor Urell presented the opening prayer.

Minutes

Clare Einsmann presented the minutes of the prior meeting. A copy of said minutes is attached hereeto and shall become a part of these minutes. After review and discussion, Michele Richards moved to approve the minutes. Margaret Hruz seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
Reports

Welcoming

Welcoming reception is October 22nd after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please call the new parishioners and let them know. One of the women from the last reception work with Sally to develop a program for state sponsored telephone for hearing impaired individuals. She is going to continue to do more testing for members of the parish.

PSA

The parish has received $280,655 in pledges from 447 donors. It exceeds the $137,000 goal set by the Diocese. The parish has received approximately $71,644.74 in payments. The parish will be sending out a final letter. Only 17% of the registered members of the parish are participating and we would like more participation from the parish community.

Summer BBQ Series

Summer BBQ series was a great series. Michele Richards commented that she was able to attend the program with the young man who came out of the foster children’s program (Marc Anthony) and found it very moving.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat with Humanity has been delayed by permitting, construction will start sometime in September.

Our Father’s Table

Our Father’s Table “Christmas in August event” was held on Aug 27 at St. Felipe de Jesus, we distributed the goodie bags collected by St Timothy’s parishioners.

Father Vincent suggested that all of these things should be reported to the parish community. Perhaps the Council and Parish Outreach should create a summary of the generosity of the community. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has options to help in 92677 and other communities in South Orange County – they give up to $500 a year per person. The pantry is available for much of Orange County.

New Business

Communication Ministry

The Diocese and all parishes should be open about how they communicate with the parishioners. How do we communicate – not what we communicate. Eighteen people have contacted Monsignor, they are English professors, social media specialists, graphic artist and are needed to critique how we communicate.
There will be app Sunday – the third Sunday in September – to install the Diocesan application on their phones.

*MOMS in Faith Ministry*

MOMS in Faith Ministry – that had been meeting at Corpus Christi - has moved to St. Timothy. They meet once a week and have speaker, dinner and will be starting in September. They will be working with the Baptism Ministry to try to bring the new mothers into the MOMS in Faith Ministry.

*Children of those Separated and/or Divorced Support Group*

In addition to the Separate and Divorced Support Group. St. Timothy’s is expanding the group to Children of those Separated and/or Divorced Support Group. The children will come at the same time as the Separated or Divorced Support Group members.

*Mass with Bishop Vann*

The Knights of Columbus have invited Bishop Kevin Vann to celebrate a Family Mass at St. Timothy at the evening of Thursday, September 7th. The Mass will be followed by an ice cream social.

*Human Trafficking Program*

Elaine Gennaway and Pat Bates had an evening at the City Hall to discuss the issue of human trafficking. A town hall meeting on this subject will be held on September 21 at LDS, Lutheran Church and St. Tim’s are co-sponsor of this event. There have been limited response from other pastors.

*Great Catholic Parishes*

Monsignor Urell began the discussion on the book “Great Catholic Parishes”. He asked “How do we discuss it?” The book discusses a parish very much like a business. There needs to be three things: spiritual growth, outreach, and discipleship.

There was the discussion on how the Council should approach the review of the book. There was a consensus that there is a need for lay leadership – it needs to be the use of the talent in the church. Suggestion that we break down in four groups – 2 for each chapter. It was also suggested that perhaps there may be GAP analysis. Sponsor a day to have discussion of the book involving the staff and the Pastoral Council. Members of the Council indicated that they might be able to get together to review and discuss the book on a weekday afternoon. Monsignor Urell indicated that he would consider the options.

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Adjourn

It was noted that the next meeting will be October 30, 2017. There being no further business before this meeting, it was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Marie Einsmann
Secretary

Attested to by,

Herman Indra
Chairman