

FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened in prayer by Beth Beissel. Those attending were Valeria Balbontin, Beth Beissel, Mary Elliott, Bruce Luu, Phillip Mendoza, Robert Sepulveda, Nga Trinh-Vu, and Marvin Wright.

Lloyd Sterling and Ibe Uzoegwu were invited to join council. Welcome to both! Your talents are much needed and appreciated.

Please note that the September meeting will be held on the 18th, not the 13th as stated in the January 16 meeting minutes. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 7:00pm.

Phillip will contact Deacon Gene Festa inviting him to be the guest speaker at the June 1 parish fundraising dinner. Should he decline, Fr. Tom Rafferty will be contacted with the Houston Fire Chief being invited should Fr. Tom decline. Valeria will contact a caterer for the lending of the linens, dishes, and glassware needed for the evening, floral designers for help with decorations, a baker for desserts, and a chef for an estimate for the menu. Beth will contact another chef for an estimate for the meal.

IGNITE: OUR FAITH, OUR MISSION: Phillip reported that the parish has received its first quarterly check. He noted that the parish has made a good start on the four year campaign.

DSF 2019: February 23-24 is DSF kick-off weekend. The cardinal's videoed appeal will be shown and DSF envelopes passed out by council members before every Mass. Beth will write up plans for "\$\$ for DSF" to be held on the weekends that guest speakers are invited to inspire giving—May 4-5, July 20-21, and September 21-22. Plans will be shared at the March meeting.

The Knights of Columbus have proposed that they will spearhead the fall festival with the help of the parish. The council unanimously, gratefully accepted their offer. Many thanks to our hardworking Knights!

Valeria set up a decorated table filled with samples of homemade cookies for her "Cookies from Around the World" fundraising event to be held on Sunday, September 29, 2019. Parishioners have donated many dozens of cookies from more than eleven countries; Valeria welcomes further donations. All proceeds go directly to defraying DSF 2019. Great idea, Valeria and her volunteer bakers!

Beth, Valeria, and Mary will attend "Tools for Pastoral Planning," provided by the archdiocese on Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Phillip asked that all prayerfully consider becoming council vice-president or co-secretary. Nominations and a vote will be taken at the March meeting.

Beth brought a proposal from the Stewardship Committee for a nine-week Bible study to be offered to interested parishioners, *Navigating Your Finances God's Way.* With Father Paul's approval and the council's endorsement, the project will proceed under the guidance of Elizabeth Lopez-Moreno, Coordinator of Adult Faith Ministries.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Submitted by Beth Beissel