

MARCH 20, 2019

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened in prayer by Valeria Balbontin. Those attending were Valeria Balbontin, Beth Beissel, Mary Elliott, Bruce Luu, Phillip Mendoza, Susan Pyle, Robert Sepulveda, Lloyd Sterling, Lincy Tresaverghese, and Nga Trinh-Vu.

Monica Lemus was invited to join the council. Welcome! Your talents are much needed and appreciated.

Future council meetings will **not** be held in the Library, likely returning to the Cry Room in the church.

Beth, Mary, and Valeria reported to the council on the Archdiocesan workshop "Parish Pastoral Plan" they attended on February 23, 2019.

June 1 SJM Feast Day Fundraiser: HFD Fire chief Pena agreed to be guest speaker for the event. He will address the gathering for 20-30 minutes about the role of his Catholic faith in his life. The evening's menu was finalized. After some discussion, the ticket price will be \$30 with beer and wine being sold for \$2.50 per glass. The speaker will be followed by a dessert auction and coffee. Seventeen tables will be set up; Valeria has secured table coverings, as well as dinner and dessert plates, and Bruce reported that the chair covers used last year will be available again. Valeria also brought sample centerpieces of fresh flowers that will cost a total of \$70.00. It was decided to use disposable glasses. Bruce will look into purchasing beer and wine for the event. He also will ask his father-in-law for shrimp to serve as an appetizer. The Council will ask to raffle the statue recently donated to the parish. It was noted that parishioners have lost interest in raffle "theme baskets."

DSF Weekends: Beth has contacted Laurel Keller at the archdiocese for help locating speakers for May 4-5, July 20-21, and Sept. 21-22. The speakers will speak at all Masses with the help of translators if necessary. On those weekends, council members will distribute DSF envelopes to encourage giving and will collect "\$\$\$ for DSF" after every mass which will go toward defraying SJM's DSF goal.

The council is grateful to the Knights for agreeing to spearhead the fall festival.

Concern was expressed that efforts need to be made by the parish to help heal the pain of those affected by the recent sexual abuse scandal. It was also noted that more effort needs to be put into youth and young adult programs. It seems that the parish has little to offer these groups. More discussion will follow on these topics.

Sign up for the bible study "*Navigating Your Finances God's Way*" will be held after the English masses on March 23-24.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Submitted by Beth Beissel

