

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2016

MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Jodi Leveque-Convener
Lyn Gagetta - Convener Elect
Carl Such
Jess DeLuna
David Figueroa
Dan Capponi
Rosie Calabrese
Mark Brumley

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dominic Figueroa
Sr. Peggy Cruise
Laura Schafle
Mark Tomsic

Council Members Not Present:

Gerry Cruz

Ex-Officio Members Not Present:

Fr. David Jenuwine
Fr. William Donahue

Jodi Leveque led the attendees in an opening prayer.

The minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

Thanksgiving Dinner: St. A's will host the Second Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. We are in need of a few more volunteers. Sara Decrevel noted that she could use some help with set up on Wednesday. Carl Such will not be available for the event but could assist with having members of the Rainbow House attend again this year. We need someone to coordinate with Carl and the Rainbow House.

Council Retreat: The Pastoral Council retreat was held at the Monastery on October 22nd. Mark Brumley led the event with a wonderful presentation allowing us to reflect on "what is the Church" and what is the Council's role. As many of the members were unavailable, Mark gave a brief summary of the talk and gave us good points to consider. We need to be aware of the three dimensions of church life and how we can support it. Many thanks go out to Mark and to David Figueroa for setting up the retreat.

Laura Schafle suggested having the various ministry programs come to Council meetings to talk about how they are doing. We may ask them to evaluate themselves to see what is going well and what can be improved upon. Jodi pointed out that we are not asking the groups to report to the Council, only to advise the Council of what they are doing and to see what we can do to support them. The Council agreed to invite one ministry to each meeting going forward.

David Figueroa discussed a program referred to as the "Called and Gifted Workshop". It helps people discern what their gifts are. David will start looking into it and then hopes to hand it off to someone else to move forward. It could possibly be dovetailed in with the Ministry Fair.

Church Renovation Committee: Carl Such gave an update on the renovation. A status report was distributed in the Bulletin last week. We will have it placed on the Church's website as well. The project is going well within the budget. Change orders have caused delays but have not created a significant financial difference. We have overcome the major leaks from the roof. The roof tiles will be put back after the top portion is painted. The shear wall repair has been completed. They will start putting up plaster this week.

The sprinkler heads must be replaced as they failed inspection. We have until next Fall to take care of it. If we cannot do all interior repairs and renovations by next Fall, we will need to minimally remove and repair the pews, fix the floors, and change the sprinklers.

Carl has painted three color options on the wall of the Church. Please check them out and let him know your opinions.

Mike Nivens is leading the effort to put back the Stations of the Cross. He will do it over a couple of Saturdays and could use a few volunteers.

Carl also gave an overview of a meeting held with Mike Romo regarding implementing a Capital Campaign to fund the interior repairs. We will need to find someone to take on leading the campaign. A mission statement will need to be developed that notes why we are doing what we are doing. Decisions will need to be made as to the scope of the campaign and whether we want to expand it to include the school. It was decided that the Council will have a separate meeting on this topic specifically.

Discussion was held regarding a planned celebration for Father Thomas before the end of the year and likely after a noon Mass. Jodi will talk with Father Donahue and contact the Council. We will need to confirm Father Thomas' availability.

As Father Donahue was out of town, there was no Pastor's Report given.

Jodi Leveque led the attendees in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.