

**ST APOLLINARIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 4, 2017- 7PM- PARISH HALL**

Council Members Present:

Fr Balaswamy

Lyn Gagetta, convener

Sara DeCrel, convener elect

Dan Capponi

Rosie Calabrese

Gerry Cruz

Jesse DeLuna

David Figueroa

Jodi Leveque

Carl Such

New Member: Wendy Biale

ExOfficio Members Present:

Fr David Jenuwine

Mark Tomsic, music

Laura Schafle, religious ed

Connie Howard, school

Finance Council: Paul Hoffman

Dominic Figueroa, youth ministry

Guests:

Jackie Gong

Pauline Seago

Bob Yeend

1. Opening Prayer: led by Lyn Gagetta
2. New Member Wendy Biale introduced. Welcome!
3. Minutes from 11/13/17 meeting: approved with the following correction:  
'Finance Committee paragraph: 'the plate collections are down approximately \$11,000 from plan for the first 4 months of the fiscal year'.
4. Report from Committee for the new Evangelization: Jackie Gong:
  - a. Purpose: universal church calling-- we are to make new disciples. The Second Vatican Council calls us to new ways to evangelize. 32% of baptized Catholics don't identify as Catholic; 30% come once a month to Mass; 30% attend Mass regularly.
  - b. We need to reach young adults, children, and parents by trying to be more intentional, as a universal mission.
  - c. This committee has sponsored Christ Life, retreats at Advent and Lent, Theology by the Barrel, Speaker Series once a month, annual Christmas gift (CD, book, cards) at Christmas Masses and we need to make additional effort to reach out in some way to everyone.

- d. Our goal is to reach out with spiritual hospitality by trying to make us more welcoming and help people feel as though they belong in some way. If people are engaged they will share their time, talent, and treasure.
  - e. We try to discuss ways to incorporate faith formation and dialog. Currently, the committee is studying together a book--Divine Renovation—and hope to start an action plan.
  - f. Jackie was thanked for her presentation and for her work with this committee. We all need to work together to accomplish the goals of the committee.
5. Fr Bala comments:
- a. Every ministry needs to have a mission with goals and where they are heading. We all need to be centered and grounded in Christ. Everyone needs good formation and training with the community being inclusive and not exclusive.
  - b. In 2018 we have fundraising plans. Fr Bala has made a personal appeal at all Masses and will do a follow up. The good news is that three people have already made substantial contributions to kick us off. The bad news is that we need more money. We need a total of \$500,000.
  - c. We have not had a substantial fundraising effort in a long time. Right now we are not doing a campaign but just hoping for people to come forward with more money. End of the year contributions will hopefully be up.
  - d. The school has their own needs but we need to also connect with them and have parents asked to contribute to the church.
  - e. The initial plan is to focus and communicate clearly what we are doing with the money.
  - f. We will develop a 'honey do' list: get people to endorse and support certain things. The whole plant is getting to the aging point where there are many needs.

6. Carl Such and Fr Bala: Eighteen months ago we hoped to start a campaign. Going forward from that we needed to do essential repairs: roof, painting outside, structural deficiencies. And now the kitchen is in the middle of needed repairs. We have a monthly appeal for maintenance and repairs. However, we will probably need a capital campaign for renovations but this is not a firm step at this time. We have appealed to the people to increase their monthly contributions by 10%. Fr Bala asked people to send ideas to Lyn for ways to increase contributions as well as challenges we face. Things suggested at this meeting:

- a. Chart showing thermometer/scale of contributions
- b. Have different groups maybe endorse and raise money to support small areas of improvements, like lighting, bathrooms, décor changes etc.

7. Meeting adjourned to the church where the council picture was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 825 pm.

**Next meeting January 15, 7PM, parish hall. Fr Bala will not be present.**