

**ST APOLLINARIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2018-7PM-CHURCH HALL**

Council members present:

Lyn Gagetta, convener
Sara DeCrevel, convener elect
Wendy Biale
Mark Brumley
Dan Capponi
Rosie Calabrese
Gerry Cruz
Jesse De Luna
Jodi Leveque
Carl Such

Opening prayer led by Lyn Gagetta

Old Business:

Exofficio Members present:

Fr David Jenuwine
Laura Schafle, Religious Ed

Guests:

Bernie Mason
Bob Mason
Tony Schunk
Bob Yeend

1. **Approval of Minutes for December 4th meeting:** approved with correction to add member Mark Brumley in attendance
2. **Appreciation lunch for volunteers:** this subject tabled until Fr Bala can address
3. **Appreciation dinner for new parishioners:**
 - a. **This will be held Saturday, February 3rd following the 430 Mass, in the hall**
 - b. **There are 59 new families reported and an invitation will be sent to them (originally reported as 90 new families but some were duplicates). Various ministries of the church will be asked to send a representative to help welcome-socialize with the new parishioners. Response in the past has been minimal for new members so this group suggested that we call each new parishioner to invite them personally. Jodi, Carl, Sara, and Lyn offered to do this and that will happen after the invitations go out.**
 - c. **Paul Obranovich and Pauline Seago will do the cooking: appetizer, pasta, salad, bread, dessert, wine/coffee; Sara DeCrevel in charge of invites, décor. All members asked to help.**
 - d. **Discussion about what to do about the RCIA participants since we normally have a welcome dinner right after Easter. A suggestion was made to have another welcome dinner in August to include them especially.**
4. **Music Ministry reported by Rosie Calabrese:** The adult choir was very busy along with the bell choir during the Christmas season and did a great job with good participation. They took a hiatus after Christmas until the Epiphany.
5. **Religious Education reported by Laura Schafle:** The Angel Bazaar was very successful and we got our financial report in late December and were very pleased with the results even though Sister Peggy is not here! Christmas program went very well with good participation. The check- in for children attending Mass is going well and Laura has also been giving the attendees little incentives to continue participating. The school is not doing the check- in right now but they plan to do it next year. The RE classes have been having a skit at each session to help children visualize the various mysteries of the Rosary and that is going well (upper class children are leading this). Now they are preparing for First Communion and will hold two on the same day: May 5th, one at 10 Am and one at 1 PM.
6. **Christmas and New Year Liturgical Celebrations:** reported by Fr David and Laura. All went well overall. Sara pointed out that the EMC's and lectors for all those Masses were volunteers and people responded in great fashion! There was an emergency at the 5PM children's Mass and the emergency response ambulance got blocked in with latecomers to Mass and they were upset because they could not get their vehicle out in a timely

manner. After discussion it was suggested that ushers might need to be trained to help facilitate as helpers in an emergency, possibly to stand guard by the ambulance to keep the traffic away and to help in any manner necessary. Further training may be necessary to make sure that happens. That duty will fall to the Liturgy Committee to do the training for emergencies.

New business:

- 1. Promotion of Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Fr Bala is leading this . Good communication was emphasized by this committee to be a helpful way to get participants. Notices in the bulletin, ambo announcements, emphasis that it is an opportunity for a very special spiritual experience, not just a vacation.**
- 2. Financial Support-reported by Fr David and Carl: There is a thermometer in the narthex indicating funds raised already but it was noted that many may not know what that is. An explanation of the thermometer/chart in the bulletin would be helpful along with letting people know about specific projects they can support. When the kitchen appeal went out \$20,000 was raised by three parishioners. The whole campus has various project needs and they are trying to prioritize them and there are some essential items which need to be completed. People can pick a specific project and it was emphasized that if people indicate that project on their donation, that money will go toward that project (unless of course that project is totally funded; then it will be allocated to the next essential need.) It was discussed that the original time frame was not realistic and that needs to be discussed and changed. Specific suggestions for fundraising included a) a letter from Fr Bala to all parishioners appealing , b) announcing and appealing from the ambo again, c) invite key donors to either a wine/cheese event or a dinner , d) maybe have a private meeting of the pastoral council with Fr Bala to explain how to develop the plan to reach the goals necessary. One on one visits are key and maybe a small subcommittee of this group could help Fr Bala develop a solid plan and concrete goals. If anyone can help, please contact Lyn asap.**
- 3. Further training to be given to various ministries: Fr David will be conducting a Morning of Reflection for all Liturgical Ministry volunteers March 10th , starting with 845 Mass and going until about 11 or 1130. This will be a reflection and discussion time . Fr David is reviewing and modifying instructions for orienting various ministries and we will make sure that each ministry is properly oriented to their specific ministry.**
- 4. Meager Meals and prep for Lent: Lent begins February 14th. We have Meager Meals each Friday during Lent, with meatless soups prepared by various organizations and ministries. Pastoral Council selected February 23rd to host . We will need seven soups; volunteers so far are Wendy, Gerry, Lyn, Sara, and Dan. We need two more volunteers to bring soup that evening please. Soups should be in the hall by 530 and be prepared to serve your own soup. Thank you.**
- 5. There will be a Lenten Parish Retreat sponsored by the Evangelization Committee on Saturday February 24th. Speaker is Matt Williams; it will begin with Mass at 845 and lunch will be served, with the day ending by 3PM.**
- 6. On Thursday, January 25th at 6PM Bishop Vasa will lead us in a Mass of Hope here at St A's for all parishes in the valley—it is to honor and support those affected by the October fires, which is all of us. All priests and deacons have been invited to participate. Catholic Charities will also be there and have a table to thank helpers. Refreshments will be served in the hall following Mass. All are welcome. Fr David reported they held a similar event at St Eugene's for Sonoma Valley fire victims and those affected there and it was very successful and well attended.**

Meeting adjourned at 845 PM. Next meeting Monday February 12 at 7PM.