

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 5, 2018

Members in attendance: Father Tom Verber, Alicia Chauvel, Juan Calderon, Punky Soares, Barbara Vize, Mary Guinn, Cel Hickok, Avelina Villares.

Members absent: Paloma Pallan-Bricero, Salvador Soria, Father Fernando Lopez

Guests: Dan Reid from Finance Committee and Carlos Herrera

- Opening prayer and mission statement.
- The meeting began with a review of the October 15, 2018 Building Fund minutes. Minutes reviewed and approved.
- Review of the August 13, 2018 minutes were reviewed with one correction regarding the inclusion of a Mass at the July 27 meeting. Minutes were then approved.
- The next order of business was handed over to Carlos regarding the proposed workday in regards to the upcoming Centennial celebration. He brought a detailed letter (enclosed) regarding his thoughts and suggestions regarding the planned parish workday. He brought several members of his crew with him.
- A date of November 24, 2018 was chosen as an all-parish volunteer workday and how to get the word out to the parish by way of bulletin announcements and outside of church after Masses.
- Several suggestions were made as to how to organize those who show up and how to delegate the work accordingly.

- Cel suggested that we need close monitoring of those who are assigned various jobs and monitoring of cleaning/work supplies and equipment.
- There was a discussion regarding tithing and the Building Fund by Father Tom and how to approach the subject with parishioners. There was reminder to encourage use of the yellow envelopes in the pews and that 100% of the collected funds remain in our parish. He also mentioned an uptick in donations recently.
- Dan Reid from Finance then resumed the discussion from the last Pastoral Council meeting regarding the scheduling appointments of those interested in pursuing the Legacy Fund. These would likely take place before the church Centennial in February, most likely December and January. Mention was also made of help from the Archdiocese in regards to the spread of information.
- Pastoral Council will send letters; pulpit announcements as well as bulletin announcements will be made.
- Alicia spoke on messaging the Legacy Fund.
- Dan Reid then suggested to table the discussion until the next meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018 from 7-8 pm in the Parish Library.
- Father Tom then went through a list of repairs and maintenance: Items such as mulch in the concrete dividers in the parking lot, tidying up the planters, the McLaughlin Green lawn repairs, sprinklers, gopher holes and general upkeep of the church grounds, especially as regards the upcoming Centennial. The need for people with experience regarding the church projects was discussed at length. Rod Smith was to be in charge of the wood pillars.

- The suggestion box was brought up with only one suggestion for a daily rosary. No name or contact number was given. We will continue to monitor the suggestion box.
- A brief discussion followed regarding the incident at Mass with Father Fernando and the man who disrupted Mass with the police eventually being called.
- Barbara then brought up an idea over possible rearrangement of the entry and exit in the chapel for adoration, with entry only being through the far door near the sacristy and exit through the vestibule. Will speak to Jon Teichert regarding a possible solution.
- Dan Reid reminded everyone of the sign-ups for Thanksgiving Dinner at the parish and that a sign-up list would be available for food and cash donations as well as volunteers.
- A brief discussion was held regarding Father Fernando's homilies and their relevance to the Sunday readings. Father Tom recommended the parishioners address a suggestion him via the suggestion box. Please cite examples.
- The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on February 4, 2019 with nominations being accepted for new members. Refreshments to be provided by Cel, Paloma and Mary.
- The meeting was then adjourned with a prayer.