



Parish Pastoral Council

October 2013 PPC Meeting Minutes for Review/Comments

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on October 14th, 2013 at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Present were: Fr. Frank, Paolo Basil, Mike Rice, Justin Peters, Tom Micinski, Jon Assell, Anna Althoff, Dave & Lina Hilko, Jane Bronson, Kate Lynch, Tony Rivera, Bert Olson and Jessica Marx.

Fr. Frank provided our opening prayer, reading the upcoming gospel where Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary; Fr. Frank asked us to pray and keep a faith within our lives, especially during trying times.

Parish Council Group/Role: Fr. Frank immediately asked the group, "Who would be the chairperson for the parish council moving forward?" The idea that we might pray over the decision for another month was offered; however Lina Hilko volunteered to be chair. We discussed the goals for the PPC in the upcoming year and the important milestones upon the parish, such as the 125 Anniversary and 500th Birthday of St. Teresa. In addition, we discussed the plans surrounding the renovations of the church interior and rectory. Finally, we tried to revisit all events from the previous years in the past; what worked; what did not; what would we do differently; what did people like or dislike?

Real Estate: Five years ago, the parish was in much need of funds; the idea of selling some of the lots to a private buyer was discussed however the bishop sternly rejected the proposition. While Fr. Frank was on sabbatical, a private buyer approached the Diocesan Real Estate office and offered to purchase four of our eight lots (Avila Place and Old School Building) for the sum of \$3.2 Million. The Real Estate office informed Fr. Frank, and Fr. Frank approached the Cardinal upon returning from sabbatical for permission. Fr. Frank's appeal was met with positive decision. The deal is "as is" which would eliminate the need to demolish any current buildings; this would also greatly decrease our monthly assessments as well as our insurance costs. Finally, this provides a much-needed source of substantial funding for a ministry center – funding which would be very difficult to raise currently from parishioners. We discussed the possibilities regarding ministry center options. The PPC was generally in favor of pursuing this sale opportunity. However, the Finance Council will ultimately advise Fr. Frank on this topic. They will meet on October 21, 2013.

Anniversaries: October 1st, 2014 begins our "Year of Faith" ending October 15th, 2015. This will be a year of prayer, gratitude, and faith building. Fr. Frank proposed that the year begin with opportunities for parishioners to join Fr. Frank on all or parts of the Camino. The year will culminate with a Tour/Vacation experience throughout various locations (Avila, Assisi and Rome) along with in-depth studies surrounding the life and times of St. Teresa. This will be celebratory experience for the 125/500 year celebrations.

Organization Chart: Paolo presented an update version of the flow/organization chart for St. Teresa's and the various ministries. Essentially, we derived that there are not enough volunteers present to assist with the necessary requirements for the parish to function as intended. This led to a discussion surrounding the need to recruit individuals for the various ministries/committees. We must get lay people involved; we must have an agenda created for the parish in order to make such volunteering practices attractive and enticing.

Next Meeting – November, 11th at 7:00pm