

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
November 10, 2014

MEETING PARTICULARS

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was held in the Parish Center, starting at 7:14 PM on Monday, November 10, 2014.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members Attending: Kate Lynch, Tom Micinski, Lina Hilko, Alex Lopez, Jessica Marx, Rebecca O'Brien, Bert Olson, Justin Peters, Amir Rafizadeh

Council Members Absent: Fr. Frank Latzko, Anna Althoff, Addison Carpenter, Laura King,

Others Attending:

MINUTES

Opening Prayer – Bert Olson

Prayer related to Veterans

PPC Organizational Business

Administrative Matters – Lina Hilko

- Addison Carpenter is officially stepping down from Parish Council due to personal responsibilities he must attend to. This leaves our organizational structure in need of leadership for Stewardship.

Standing Reports

Finance Update – Justin Peters

- Construction is going well, and we have gotten passed the majority of risks or sources for unexpected expenses. Only used about 20% of the risk-based “slush fund.”
- Many construction items have come under budget. Very smooth.
- Weekly collections down 3% from last fiscal year. This is not a source of worry as the renovated church will open while there is still a decent part of this fiscal year to go. Hopefully we are able to increase collections for the second half of the year.
- ToYL ticket sales are going very well.
- Land Sale funds have been deposited with the Archdiocese within the parish account. About \$2.8 million.
 - Still some discussion as to the portion that will go to Archdiocese for current education campaign.

Committee Update: Events/Fundraising – Rebecca O'Brien

- Time of Your Life ticket sales awesome – just 18 short of 300 goal
- ToYL rough estimate right now is net proceeds of \$124k. Last year netted about \$100k; years prior about \$150k. Goal for this year was to get back to \$150k, but Finance Council may have budgets at \$100k.

- Breakfast with Santa – Talked to Tom Micinski. Staff will host this but more buffet than sit-down breakfast. Food in Gathering Space. Plan to open church and have Santa there. Crafts hosted by Kate Lynch in REC.
- Greenery Sales – Will not be running a pre-order process; cash sales of what we get.
- Fiesta de Avila – No numbers yet but after ToYL, Rebecca will pull this together.

Committee Update: Faith Formation – Kate Lynch

- Have 133 children in catechesis age 3 through 8th grade; about 10 children in high school
- 28 children preparing for First Communion
- Have space issues. Too many children in classes, especially Level 2 on Sundays
- Hosting an Advent Wreath Making event for all on Nov 23rd.

Committee Update: Social Justice – Amir Rafizadeh

- Blood Drive was held for first time in about 3 years. Exceeded our goal of 30 units! May consider doing this twice a year.
- Loaves & Fishes has sufficient volunteers scheduled out through July, both for cooking and hosting. Even got an outside group to volunteer from SHRED451. Guest numbers averaging 80.
- At Deanery Meeting, discussed issues of how do we not just provide food but also services such as housing and health support.
 - Amir has been talking to someone from Renaissance to come twice a month to advise clients on services or help sign them up for services.
- Food Pantry has also experienced great parishioner response on volunteerism.

Committee Update: Building & Facilities – Tom Micinski

- Renovation:
 - A lot of infrastructure, like electrical, pipes, drains, is complete.
 - Now starting to put the space back together after gutting.
 - Not many “gotchas;” passed the risk points.
 - Timetable: Feb 20th estimate for construction to be finished, but then inspections.
 - Some artisan work may not be finished by then, i.e., statues.
 - Plan to move into space 1st week of March, a month before Easter.
 - Will start to schedule with Archbishop.
- Christmas Eve Mass – Planning to replace 4PM with two masses: 3PM and 5PM (as well as other normal masses: 10PM on Eve and 10AM on Day). We normally have about 450 people at Christmas Eve Family mass, but Parish Center holds about 250. Will reconfigure altar so we can also have seating in the Gathering Space.
- Building Faith Together – Haven’t heard any glitches, but don’t have an update from Erica. Steir Group is pleased with the progress of campaign.
- Land Sale – Progressing fine. Money is in our account earning interest. We do owe funds for the “To Teach Who Christ Is” campaign.
- Rectory – We are doing some work on Rectory. Want to replace roof. Archdiocese dragged feet on topic, and now we have missed weather timing to do roof. Will wait.

Anniversary Year 2014/15 Planning

- Camino went well and is done. Fr. Frank back.
- Local Caminos were very successful.
- Advent Retreat: Lina and Kate announced the speaker and communications plan.
- Lent Mission: Lina and Kate have an idea and are working on it.
- Church Rededication: No update.
- Renovated Church Guide Book: Presumably work will now start as Fr. Frank is back.
- Banners: Three banners are on Armitage now.
- Commemorative Anniversary Video: Is progressing
- Calendar of Events: Have decided to not do such a calendar as we have been attending to communications as things occur and having good success with the approach.
- Spring 2015 trip to Italy: Tom updated that Carol Christianson is working on organizing.

ADJOURNMENT

The next PPC meeting will be December 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Anna Althoff will provide light food and lead opening prayer.

The meeting ended at about 8:35PM.

Prepared by: Lina Hilko