

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Fr. Mel, Jeanette Allen, Tom Baxter, Curtis Carlson, Alma Ditty, Terry Foster, George Gardner, Robin Keator, Kathi Lohry, Joan McManus, Dee Myers

Fr. Mel led the opening prayer.

Approval of the May minutes was motioned and approved.

Robin Keator -

Religious Ed classes are over. Registration packets for next fall will be mailed out in July. 32 children received First Communion and 34 youth were Confirmed.

No profit was made on the sale of the Padre tickets; they just broke even.

The Youth Group is planning a bottled water drive as a Corporal Work of Mercy for their outreach to the homeless.

Terry Foster -

The Liturgy/Worship committee hopes to provide more and better training for the Usher/Greeter ministry.

They are gearing up for our next Mass on the Grass.

Curtis Carlson -

The Men's Club cooked burgers and hot dogs at the golf tournament/family BBQ. They are conducting a non-perishable food drive during the month of June, which will be donated to Catholic Charities.

The Men's Club will host a booth at our Fall Festival.

They have been asked by Rose Navarro to help clean the school classrooms over the summer break.

Joan McManus—

The Rosary Makers turned over 600 rosaries to Fr. Joe's Villages. They were invited to lunch at the Diocese office with several missionaries.

Mike Conroy –

RCIA has finished for now. He will start announcing the RCIA program for the fall session soon, via pulpit and bulletin announcements. He's already had three inquiries for the fall classes.

Jeanette Allen –

Martha's Ministry's long search for new tablecloths is over. Thanks to a referral from Kristina Campbell, they were able to purchase 30 ivory tablecloths at a price of \$6.00 each.

The Lay Apostles group will be collecting food for Catholic Charities as a Corporal Act of Mercy.

Dee Myers –

Martha's Ministry will assist with food preparation for the upcoming Dinner with the Pastor event on Monday, June 27. Bob Horn will be coordinating the group of long-time parishioners who will bring the food.

Tom Baxter –

He did training with our school students. He plans to recognize three servers who are graduation by presenting them with Bibles.

Their quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 12.

Mike Conroy commented that he's seen altar servers blowing out the candles after Mass, and suggested that they be trained to use the candle snuffers.

Alma Ditty –

Name Tag Sunday is being reviewed and revised. The next one is planned for November. John Vigil is the new co-chair of the Name Tag committee.

There is a need to build Greeter hospitality.

We've had some issues with our supply of votive candles. If the wicks are not straightened and the candles are not evenly placed in the holders, it presents a fire hazard. Alma is the only person who replaces the burned candles, in an effort to avoid this hazard.

George Gardner -

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament generally has about the same number of people who attend every month, from 10 to 12 people.

Fr. Mel -

An Adult Faith Formation ministry has been created, which will be in charge of adult education. They plan to invite speakers once a month for a 'Sunday Night Special' event, starting in October.

The first topic will be Adoration.

The Year of Mercy officially closes on November 20. That weekend, we will hold a 24-hour Adoration event from 3:30 p.m. Friday to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

At last month's Council meeting, Fr. Mel distributed a review questionnaire which he asked members to fill out and bring to this meeting. The questions mainly asked what things were done well in the past year and what things should be done differently.

The most effective/popular:

Palm Sunday Brunch

Mass on the Grass & BBQ

Fall Festival with outdoor Mass

New format of Parish Council provides better communication

The Greeter ministry is appreciated by parishioners

Areas for improvement:

Attendance at coffee & donuts has dropped

More/better signage of directions on church campus

Parishioners don't know who makes up the Parish Council or what they do

Need to engage parishioners and get them more involved in ministries and activities

The next Council meeting will be Monday, August 15, 2016. (No meeting in July)

Submitted by Kathi Lohry