

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

August 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

- Members present: Fr. Mel, Deacon Bill, Jeanette Allen, Marlo Antonio, Tom Baxter, Peggy Cahill, Curtis Carlson, Mike Conroy, Alma Ditty, Terry Foster, Louise Holland, Bob Horn, Robin Keator, Peggy Keller, Kathi Lohry, Rose Navarro, Stella Vasquez

Deacon Bill led the opening prayer.

Peggy Keller noted a correction needed to the June minutes. With that correction noted, approval of the June minutes was motioned and approved.

We are evaluating our Sunday morning coffee and donut service. Fiona Bloemker has been appointed to steer this project, along with Robin Keator and Marlo Antonio. For the past two weekends, there were no price signs put up and donations seemed to have increased.

Sep. 18 will be Ministry Sunday. Fr. Mel wants to “put faces on the ministries.” At the 9:30 Mass, in leue of a homily that Sunday, all our ministries and groups will be introduced, with a few brief words about what they do. Each member needs to write a short intro and send it to Kathi, the secretary, by Sep. 15. After this introduction, Fr. Mel will give a blessing. Since this is also Catechetical Sunday, after Communion, Fr. Mel will bless all the teachers.

Fr. Mel has asked each ministry to produce a brochure about their ministry, and once they are all completed, they will be placed in the literature rack at the back of the church.

For Ministry Sunday, each ministry will have a table in the hall. This will take place after all the Masses, with free coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses and possibly punch and cookies after the 5:30 Masses. Alma asked if there should be sign-up sheets at all the ministry tables; Fr. Mel said yes.

Mike Conroy asked if the Parish Council is included in the welcome packet that is sent to new parishioners. Kathi said it is not, because it’s not a group that everyone can join like the other ministries.

Marlo will take individual photos of the Parish Council members.

Bob Horn –

The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow, August 16. An architect has been hired to work on our Master Plan in phases, firstly the church and hall and classrooms, then the parking lot, then the ministry center and preschool. The Capital Campaign will be postponed for a year or so while we concentrate on the school.

Sullivan Solar submitted a proposal for installing solar, which was quite high. Then they gave us a second proposal for less. Roofing repairs were not included in the proposal. Rose Navarro noted that the school’s electricity bill has decreased since the new lights were installed.

Terry Foster –
He had nothing to report on the Hospitality ministry.

Fr. Mel has appointed him to the Diocese Synod on Family Life in October. It will consist of five weekend series on the topic of Hospitality to Unmarried Couples. Terry passed out a questionnaire on this topic and asked us each to complete it.

Alma Ditty –
New sacristans are being recruited and John Vigil is already being trained.
Due to Brenda Gardner's illness, Alma is coordinating Adoration.

Peggy Keller –
The Stewardship Committee did not meet in July. They are encouraging everyone to attend the Stewardship Conference in Orange County on October 22.

Mass on the Grass has been scheduled for November 5, 2016.

For the Lay Apostles group, Fiona Bloemker is working on their brochure.

Louise Holland –
The Culture of Life group would like to speak at our Masses, possibly in October. They would like to keep our school involved as well.

Curtis Carlson –
The Men's Club has been busy painting several of the school classrooms.
For the Fall Festival on October 15-16, the Men's Club will host the BBQ food booth, and they will also sponsor the pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Peggy Cahill –
Divine Mercy – only about four to six people are regularly attending Divine Mercy. They have started holding it after the morning Mass and have had better attendance.

Deacon Bill –
The Adult Faith Ministry, which consists of Fr. Mel, Deacon Bill, Robin Keator, Mary Quinn and Mike Conroy, first met in July, and they are focusing on "experiencing." They will do a presentation about Adoration and Reconciliation.

The Men's Faith Group will have a morning of reflection on October 1, which is still in the organizing stage. Fr. Mel said that there are different "spiritual realities" for everyone and they should have a mixture of styles to attract different men.

The Liturgy Committee met recently. There will be a training class for new eucharistic ministers and lectors on November 7. Kathi announced that the Diocese is also offering training classes for lectors and EMs.

Stella Vasquez –
The last wedding she coordinated was last June. She has another one coming up in January.

Marlo Antonio –

She is helping with the Fall Festival raffle tickets and will have a couple people speak at the Masses. About 800 envelopes of tickets remain which were not picked up by parishioners after Mass.

Starting in September, we will add different types of food to our coffee and donuts, such as bagels. On the first Sunday of the month, a breakfast will be offered with ethnic foods.

Dee Myers –

Martha's Ministry has not been active lately, especially since the Dinner with the Pastor event was indefinitely postponed.

Jeanette Allen –

The Bible Sharing group has been on hiatus for the summer.

The Rosary Maker group did not meet this month. They have been donating many rosaries to Fr. Miller.

Mike Conroy –

He will speak about RCIA at the 5:30 Mass. So far, there are six people interested in taking RCIA this fall. Classes will start on September 11.

Tom Baxter –

The summer party for the altar servers fell through. A meeting was held last Friday, August 12. One thing he discussed with them was a change to the timing of the bell ringing. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 7.

Rose Navarro –

She expressed her gratitude to the Men's Club for painting the classrooms.

The school will have a new Language Arts curriculum and will offer Spanish classes after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They have also adopted a character development program. School begins on August 29.

Marlo added that the Preschool is now participating in tuition assistance programs offered through the military and the YMCA.

Robin Keator -

Registration for religious ed classes began last, Sunday, August 14.

The Homebound ministry has been receiving many requests from those needing assistance.

Thirteen youth attended Steubenville. Their fundraising efforts went well, and they received additional assistance from a donation given by the Men's Club.

The youth will start running the Bingo snack bar to raise funds.

Their recycling program is going well. A new sign was put up on the recycling storage unit.

They will do a haunted house at the Oktoberfest.

A youth Bible study will be started.

A Religious Education Congress will be held in Anaheim on Feb. 24-26. Youth Day will be on Feb. 23.

Fr. Mel announced that we will have a priest in residence, Fr. Daniel Anyanwu, who is coming down from Modesto, CA to attend USD. In exchange for room and board, he will assist with some of our Masses. He will arrive here on August 30.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2016.

Submitted by Kathi Lohry