

ST. COLUMBA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

Attendees: Fr. Mel Monreal, Ed Ancmon, Terry Foster, Robin Keator, Gary Keller, Kathi Lohry, Rose Navarro, Shawn Quinn, Lavinia Reyes, Bill Schott, Frank Schultz

Fr. Mel led the opening prayer.

February minutes were approved.

Shawn Quinn reported that the Liturgy Committee met and planned for the Lenten Penance service, Palm Sunday procession, Holy Thursday washing of the feet, and Holy Saturday. The Korean community will not participate in the Easter Vigil Mass. There is a Healing Mass set for May 21st, which conflicts with the Confirmation rehearsal scheduled for that date. Robin Keator will look for an alternate date for the rehearsal.

Robin reported that she has obtained 500 Padre tickets which will be sold as a fundraiser for the Youth Group. Robin will create a flyer to promote it to the school and to parishioners and then start selling the tickets. A seating chart will be available. We are obligated to sell at least 250 tickets, which will be offered at a discounted rate.

The Jr. High students still need service hours, so if anyone needs help with a project, let Rose know.

Terry Foster reported that some members of the Stewardship Committee attended a talk by Matthew Kelly at St. Michael's in Poway. Copies of Mr. Kelly's book, *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, will be given to each parish family as a gift on Easter Sunday.

Terry reported that the Diocesan Sustainability Committee will give a presentation on April 23 of a 3-phase plan for saving on energy costs.

Rose Navarro reported that summer school has been replaced with two short-term summer camp sessions. She is working with a gentleman to develop a plan to hold a couple of major fundraisers during the year rather than multiple small ones. She asked if there is a service contract for the school web site and was told that there is not.

Lavinia Reyes reported that the Ancient Order of Hibernians group has disbanded. The Martha's Ministry group will prepare dinner for visiting priests for the Lenten Penance service and for Confirmation. The Rosary Makers group will sell their rosaries for 1st Communion kids.

Ed Ancmon reported that the Bible Sharing group is meeting on the first Monday of the month, the Lay Apostles group meets monthly, and the Prayer Group, led by Shawn and Mary Quinn, meets weekly. Once a month Fr. Mel attends to give a teaching. Ed attended the Walk for Life in Balboa Park in January and will attend a pro-life stations of the cross on Good Friday.

Terry Foster shared ideas for a policy on the new chapel door, to include pulpit announcements. Parishioners will need to be informed about alternative restrooms in the Hall and the Music Room. It was suggested that slow-closing hinges be added to prevent the door from slamming. Fr. Mel will address etiquette during Mass in his homilies.

In July, three members of the Parish Council will leave – Ed Ancmon, Terry Foster and Gary Keller. An announcement will be put in the bulletin inviting parishioners who wish to be considered as replacements to contact Fr. Mel.

A discussion was held about fundraisers held after Masses. The Council agreed that all fundraising should be moved into the Hall for 7:30 and 9:30 Masses and set up outside the Hall after the 5:30 Masses. No groups should be selling or fundraising directly in front of the church.

Bill Schott reported that he regularly checks our AED units, and one was tampered with twice. They may need to be moved to a higher position on the walls.

October 16-17 has been set as the date for our fall festival. Friday night will be geared for adults and Saturday will be geared for families. Fr. Mel will chair the planning committee and invited suggestions.

An architect did a walk-through of our property, but as of yet has not given us his recommendations for improvement.

Fr. Mel reviewed areas of responsibility for a new Administrative Assistant, whom he hopes to hire in June.

A Parish Assembly has been set for April 26, with two more assemblies to follow in June and September or October. Fr. Mel asked Deacon Bill, Gary Keller, Robin Keator and Shawn Quinn to help plan these assemblies. Recommendations gathered from these assemblies will be used to form a 5-Year Plan for our parish. The planning group will meet on March 24th.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on April 20, 2015.

Submitted by Kathi Lohry, Secretary