

**ST. COLUMBA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 20, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

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

Fr. Mel led the opening prayer.

March minutes were approved.

Gary Keller stated that we will try to improve on keeping the length of our council meetings shorter.

The topic of Mass etiquette was again brought up in order to finalize a course of action.

- Fr. Mel will speak at the Masses next weekend about the sanctity of the Blessed Sacrament.
- The following weekend, an announcement will be placed in the bulletin, including a reminder that parents should accompany small children to the restroom.
- A reminder will be included in the pre-Mass announcements.
- Terry Foster was asked to inform the ushers about having people use an alternate path to the restrooms via the side doors.

The topic of a policy on fundraisers was tabled until after our parish assembly next Sunday.

Fr. Mel distributed an outline of an agenda for the parish assembly, along with a questionnaire that parishioners will be given at the assembly. The questionnaires can be taken home for completion. For those who are unable to attend the assembly, extra copies of the questionnaire will be made available at the back of the church and also made available on our web site. A deadline will be given for the return of the questionnaires. Fr. Mel explained that the gathering, collating and reporting of input will require three or more assembly meetings. Kathi Lohry will order extra donuts for the assembly.

Fr. Mel reported that three people have expressed interest in joining the parish council. We may invite them to sit in on our June meeting.

Fr. Mel explained his vision of a new structure for the parish council, which would include all the leaders of our ministries as members. This will result in more timely communication between all groups. He feels that currently, we do not have good coordination between all of our groups and ministries.

Gary Keller shared a comment that was turned in about having a lock placed on our suggestion box in the church to ensure confidentiality.

Robin Keator will start selling Padre tickets next weekend.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on May 18, 2015.

*Submitted by Kathi Lohry, Secretary*