

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

May 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Fr. Mel, Deacon Bill, Gary Keller, Shawn Quinn, Bill Schott, Ed Ancmon, Robin Keator, Rose Navarro and Terry Foster

The minutes of the April meeting were not available so they were not discussed/approved. This needs to be an item for the June meeting agenda.

Fr. Mel opened the meeting by welcoming the Council's newest member, Tina Marvel. Tina is the PTG's incoming President. She is the mother of a kindergarten student and is a consultant in the IT field. We need to get her contact info.

Pastoral Plan - The parish has distributed about 400 questionnaires so far; results are starting to trickle in. Returns are needed by the end of May; processed results are expected in June. Returns will be accepted in any form – a completed questionnaire, a separate page – any format at all. The questionnaire sub-committee is to meet on Thursday, May 18, to discuss the process for collating and interpreting results, and developing the methods and strategy for working on the priorities.

Fr. Mel expects that the completed pastoral plan will define our mission as a parish. The results will be binned into categories and prioritized. The Ministry Council, the new name for the PPC once its membership is expanded, will help each ministry focus on its part of each priority/pastoral concern.

Fr. Mel mentioned that he would like Robin to be added to the Stewardship Committee due to her responsibilities for evangelization.

Tuition Assistance - Rose noted that she expected 20 families to apply for the Bishop's tuition assistance program. Twelve families actually applied; 9 were accepted and will receive assistance, 3 were denied assistance. Ed noted that the Knights of Columbus has committed to raising \$250K for education in the diocese. Rose mentioned that eBooks are going to become more important as the cost of hard copy textbooks continues to skyrocket.

Turf Fundraiser - Rose noted that about \$7K has been raised so far. The school is negotiating with Omega Turf to see if they will provide a 0% loan for three years. Fr. Mel noted that the turf is important for student safety and fitness as well as presenting a professional and welcoming appearance to the parents of prospective students. But the turf is only one of many high-level priorities they're working on – teacher professional development, technology (LAN, computers, servers, maintenance support), and facilities.

The Ministry Council will take over from the PPC as of the July meeting. Fr. Mel will contact the leads of ministries to invite them to the Ministry Council. The new members of the PPC will be selected and notified by Fr. Mel, and will start in June.

Gary will not be present for the June meeting, so we need some alternative for developing the agenda and running the meeting. Volunteers?

Oktoberfest/Fall Festival

Fr. Mel and Rose are co-chairs; Bob Horn and Kristina Campbell are assistant co-chairs. Fr. Mel has a list of vacant coordinating positions he is trying to fill. The next meeting of the coordinating committee is 5 pm on June 9.

We plan on having a raffle of a car, a TV and an iPad. Fr. Mel wants to start selling raffle tickets before school ends for the summer. Tickets are expected to be \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Oktoberfest/Fall Festival will be the weekend of October 17/18. On the 18th, there will be Mass on the Grass at 9:30 am, a pancake breakfast from 8 am to 11 am, Fall Festival from 10:30 am to 5 pm. The Fall Festival will also occur on Saturday during the day, followed by Oktoberfest Saturday evening.

Kathi/Leslie, please add a note in the bulletin about the turf funding status. Rose will provide the note. Also please add a PPC column in the bulletin announcing the new members; Gary will provide the note.

July 19 is Mission Sunday. Fr. Mel wants to present, and thank, new and existing members of each ministry at the 9:30am Mass.

The Pastoral Assistant will have an office somewhere in the Rectory.

Bishop McElroy's pastoral visit is this Sunday, May 24.

2:00-2:30 meet with Fr. Mel

2:40-3:40 meet with the parish staff

3:50-4:50 meet with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council

Fr. Mel intends to have a collection for the victims of the Nepal earthquake the weekend of May 30/31.

Deacon Bill intends to have a day of recollection/renewal for ministers; more on this later.

Fr. Mel noted that we need to do all we can to keep the calendars and schedules coordinated and de-conflicted; call Kathi for scheduling of any Parish facilities.

Robin noted that sales of the Padre tickets are not going well. There are about 200 tickets remaining to be sold. Robin will decide soon whether to turn them in or hang onto them and keep trying to sell them.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2015.

Submitted by Terry Foster