

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
November 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Fr. Mel, Jeanette Allen, Ed Ancmon, Marlo Antonio, Fiona Bloemker, Peggy Cahill, Curtis Carlson, Michael Conroy, Alma Ditty, Bob Horn, Robin Keator, Peggy Keller, Kathi Lohry, Joan McManus, Dee Myers, Rose Navarro, Tess Nelson, Deb Oberg, Karina Tijerina, Deacon Bill Vasquez

Fr. Mel led the opening prayer.

Approval of the October minutes was motioned and approved.

Deacon Bill – He has baptized fifty children so far this year. He thanked his team of helpers.

Fr. Mel – Would like both the school and church to work on the upcoming Gala. The first planning meeting will be Nov. 30 at 6:00 p.m

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Results of the 5-Year Plan questionnaire have been collated and Fr. Mel passed out copies to everyone at our meeting. He asked that everyone turn in to him any comments or suggestions they may have on questionnaire answers that pertain to their ministry. The next phase is to evaluate the feedback obtained. The next meeting for the reviewing committee will be August 28.

Tom Baxter – Eighteen kids attended the pool party at the Ministry Center for the altar servers on August 8th. The Men's Faith group provided the lunch for the kids. Karl Becker volunteered as lifeguard. Tom presently has 48 active altar servers.

Peggy Cahill – She reported that very few people are coming to Divine Mercy.

Bill Schott – Church and school finance reports will be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Shawn Quinn – The next meeting of the Men's Faith Group will be September 12. It is being moved forward because of the Labor Day holiday weekend. The last healing Mass on August 13 had a good turnout. The next one is scheduled for November 19, 2015.

Marlo Antonio – 2,000 Festival raffle tickets were distributed and so far about 400 have been sold. The school will distribute tickets at the Info Fair on August, 27th.

Tess Nelson – She said she is looking forward to working with the new Children's Choir Director, Kathleen Mawany. She also said that new members are always welcome to her 5:30 choir.

Rose Navarro – So far, the school has 181 students registered for the upcoming year. Her goal is to enroll 200. The school has hired a new art teacher, Don Myers, so students will have art class once a week rather than once a month. Three other new teachers have been hired: Darren Houle – 7th grade, Mary Harkay – 5th grade, and Theresa McMongle – 3rd grade. Melanie Gilsdorf will move from the Preschool to be a para-professional for grades 2-8. Manual Marte will no longer be involved in the After School program; he will continue as computer teacher and as network tech for the school.

Two representatives from the Preschool have been added to the PTG.

The school Info Fair will be on Thursday, August 27, and will include a BBQ.

Rose asked about putting more school news in the bulletin. Our current bulletin publisher, Mission Publications, does not have the capability to print a tri-fold format. We are under contract with them until next year.

Bob Horn – Our Fall Festival is a parish-wide event and we will be asking for a lot of volunteers. The schedule will be October 16, an Oktoberfest in the evening for adults only, Saturday, October 17 with games, food and prizes for the whole family, Sunday, October 18, a pancake breakfast in the Hall, outdoor Mass at 9:30 am, and the raffle drawing at 4:00 p.m. Funds raised will be split between the school and the church.

Since the Sustainability Study was completed, we may change our parking lot lights to LEDs. We will also eliminate styrofoam cups at coffee & donuts.

Curtis Carlson – The Men's Club did not meet in August; they will be assisting with the Mass on the Grass on Oct. 3 and with the Fall Festival.

Fiona Bloemker – Our Culture of Life ministry will put out baskets in the church to accept donations of baby items on August 29-30. Collection of baby gift items will be ongoing.

She said she would like to plan a party for Frank Kloberdanz. Fr. Mel suggested this is something that might be done for a volunteer every year.

Jeanette Allen – the Martha's Ministry group and the Reception group have been combined. The group has been inactive lately since there have been no events recently.

Mike Conroy – R.C.I.A. classes begin on Sunday, September 13. He said there has not been much interest yet, but he hopes to pick up more students as the starting date draws near.

Terry Foster – He will be trying to recruit additional volunteers for the October 3 Mass on the Grass event.

Robin Keator – Registration forms for Religious Ed classes have been mailed out. Catechetical Sunday will be September 20 at the 9:30 Mass. **Robin has reviewed sample materials for an adult religious ed course for parishioners.**

The Homebound Outreach has formed a good team. To date, no one has requested their services. The team has pamphlets, magnets and business cards available to pass out.

The new Young Adult group did a mail out to about 100 people announcing their new ministry. Ten people came to their first meeting on August 12. Their first outing was a bonfire at the beach.

Members of the Youth Group attended Steubenville the last weekend of July. They are planning to again hold a Thanksgiving dinner for military members.

Robin has been researching materials that might be used for an Adult Faith Formation class. She found one called Alteration that appears to be very good, and will submit sample materials to Fr. Mel.

No Council meeting will be held in December. The next Council meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2016.

Submitted by Kathi Lohry