

## **St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **January 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

Members present: Fr. Mel, Ed Ancmon, Marlo Antonio, Curtis Carlson, Michael Conroy, Alma Ditty, Louise Holland, Bob Horn, Robin Keator, Gary Keller (guest), Peggy Keller, Kathi Lohry, Joan McManus, Dee Myers, Rose Navarro, Karina Tijerina, Stella Vasquez, Deacon Bill Vasquez

Deacon Bill led the opening prayer.

Gary Keller made a presentation to propose a new gift card program to bring in more funds. Parishioners will be able to donate unused or unwanted gift cards to the church, and the cards will be sold to online brokers. He will also present this idea to the Diocese.

Approval of the November minutes was motioned and approved.

Rose Navarro – The school is preparing for the Gala and Auction. It will be held at Ascension Parish on March 12, 2016 and will have a Willie Wonka theme. There will be live entertainment. Raffle tickets will be sold starting next Sunday. Tickets are \$25 each. Prizes are \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. We have a reciprocal working agreement with Holy Family Parish to provide volunteer manpower.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, Jan. 30 in the Parish Hall. Funds raised will be used for 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016. The school will hold an Open House from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The school will hold a Book Fair in the Music Room from January 31 to Feb. 5.

Karina Tijerina – The Young Adult group will meet this week. Membership has dropped due to young adults returning to college. The group has teamed with the Youth Group in their Homeless Outreach and the Thanksgiving dinner for the military.

Dee Myers – The Martha's Ministry has two upcoming events; they will prepare dinner for visiting priests for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and for the Lenten Penance Service.

Louise Holland – The Culture of Life group collected 300 signatures on a petition, including 100 signatures from the Korean community, against the Physician Assisted Suicide bill.

Joan McManus – The Martha's Ministry/Hospitality group is looking for new tablecloths and would prefer an off-white color. The old tablecloths were made from drapery-lining material and held up very well.

Mike Conroy – The RCIA program so far has two catecumins and one candidate. On Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, they will attend the meeting with Bishop McElroy in Golden Hall at City Hall.

Peggy Keller – The Lay Apostles group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. During this Year of Mercy, they will focus their discussions on the topic of mercy.

The Stewardship Committee will meet next Monday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, and will plan for the coming year, including setting up for Name Tag Sunday and Mass on the Grass.

Robin Keator – The Youth Group does an Outreach project to the homeless twice a year. On their last trip, they received a large quantity of donated socks; they gave out bags of toiletries and passed out 160 sack lunches. Their next outreach will be in February.

They are planning to attend the Steubenville conference in July.

They will again do a Padres ticket fundraiser.

The Youth hosted 9 marines from Camp Pendleton for Thanksgiving dinner in the Hall.

The Basic Catechist course that was planned did not meet, as the minimum attendance of 15 was not met.

For the Lenten Soup & Scripture, the video series Altaration will be presented; materials are \$25, but are not necessary for the class.

There are currently 20 kids in the Confirmation classes, altho four may not receive.

Kathi Lohry – The parish has a new app for smartphones, which Kathi has been updating with pertinent parish information. We will have an App Launch Sunday the weekend of March 5/6 to introduce it to parishioners.

Ed Ancmon - The Men's Club made up 35 Christmas baskets, and had a few left over, which they donated to Door of Hope. The project received lots of canned food items from both the school and parish, with the majority of cans donated by the school.

The Club will sponsor an ice cream social for the school in the spring.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will host another Life in the Spirit seminar, the date yet to be determined.

Curtis Carlson – The Men's Club did the cooking for the New Year's Eve party. There were about 87 attendees.

The Men's Club will once again host a Palm Sunday brunch and Easter egg hunt, as well as helping with the upcoming Gala in March and the Golf Tournament.

Bob Horn – On Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Men’s Club will host a men’s breakfast in the Hall; they would appreciate if some of our women parishioners would assist them.

The Finance Committee reports that the parish and school finances are in the black.

The parish has hired a landscape architect as part of our Master Plan. Some possible long-range plans might include A/C for the school and a renovation to the Hall.

We are investigating solar power for the parish, which the Diocese is encouraging; rebates programs will end in 2016. There are three solar companies approved by the Diocese. Our roofs will need to be evaluated before installation of solar panels. We received light bulbs to replace the lighting in the Hall, which should reduce our power usage by half. The parish might consider holding a capital campaign to raise funds for improvements.

Deacon Bill – The liturgy meeting that was scheduled for this month has been cancelled. On Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a morning of reflection for all our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Deacon Bill reported on behalf of Tom Baxter that 45 parents and kids attended the reflection and rosary, which he hopes to do quarterly. Tom will hold 12 weeks of training classes on Saturday mornings for new altar servers.

Fiona Bloemker –A volunteer recognition plaque was presented to Frank Kloberdanz for his many years of volunteering at the 9:30 Mass. Fr. Mel said this may be good to do each year, possibly quarterly. We may wish to posthumously recognize Shawn Quinn and Vic Miranda.

Fr. Mel announced he will be on vacation in the Philippines from Jan. 19 to Feb. 19.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, February 22, 2016.

*Submitted by Kathi Lohry*