

**St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

Members present: Fr. Mel, Jeanette Allen, Curtis Carlson, Michael Conroy, Terry Foster, Bob Horn, Robin Keator, Peggy Keller, Kathi Lohry, Tracy Lunn (for Rose Navarro), Dee Myers, Karina Tijerina,

Fr. Mel led the opening prayer.

Approval of the January minutes was motioned and approved.

Dee Myers -

Martha's Ministry will prepare dinner for the visiting priests who will assist with First Reconciliation on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, as well as for the Parish Lenten Penance service on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Robin Keator -

There are 16 kids from the school and 16 kids from Rel. Ed. who will attend First Reconciliation.

The Youth Group's outreach to the homeless went very well. The Young Adult group also participated. The groups made up individual bags to give out to the homeless. Some parishioners donated tote bags. Robin would like to collect items for their outreach year-round.

The Youth Group's Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$1,028 in donations.

Robin will attend a Religious Ed Congress in Anaheim, CA this weekend. She was encouraged to promote the congress to everyone next year. Fr. Mel would like more people to attend.

Terry Foster -

He reported that he lost two of his ushers/greeters. He feels that people don't want to be assigned on a schedule, but will step up and help out when there is a need.

The parish has a new app, and we will hold App Launch Sunday on March 6<sup>th</sup>. A pulpit announcement will be made asking parishioners to bring their iPhones and Android smartphones and tablets to church on that weekend. We have a large banner advertising the new app, which will be put up in the church this coming weekend.

Curtis Carlson -

The Men's Club is hosting a Father/Son/Daughter breakfast in the Hall this Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Men's Club will host the annual Palm Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt. The Youth Group will help with the Egg Hunt.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is the Golf Tournament.

Bob Horn –

Part of the fence at the Ministry Center has fallen down; photos have been sent to our insurance company.

The chicken coop in the Ministry Center garden needs to be moved out.

A finance report was inserted into the bulletin a couple of weeks ago.

The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow, February 23. Don Eklund has been interviewing architects to help us with the parish Master Plan.

Sullivan Solar is working with us on a project to install solar panels. A tax rebate for installing solar has been extended for two more years. We will not have to pay anything up front. We are waiting on roofing bids before proceeding with solar installation, as our roof needs to be good condition to last for at least twenty years.

Twenty-five LED bulbs were installed in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and some in the church, which should cut energy use in half. These bulbs are supposed to be longer-lasting – five to ten years.

Tracy Lunn –

The school would like more parishioners to attend the Gala on March 12 and to purchase raffle tickets. The tickets are being sold after the weekend Masses. Robin suggested that they put up a sign at their table to advertise it. Fr. Mel said they should also do pulpit announcements after all the Masses.

The school held a Science Fair and there is a trip to Washington, D.C. coming up on Easter weekend. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take a class trip to Catalina Island. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended Stations of the Cross at Prince of Peace Abbey.

The school's celebration of Catholic Schools Week was very successful.

Karina Tijerina –

The Young Adult group is planning to attend Catholic Schools Night at Petco Park in May.

They are also selling See's Candy.

The Young Adult group and the Youth Group will attend a Latin Mass at St. Ann's.

Mike Conroy –

The RCIA students will begin scrutinies this Sunday, February 28. They attended the Calling of the Elect with Bishop McElroy in Golden Hall at City Hall last Sunday.

They will hold a retreat on Sat., March 19 from 9:00 to noon. There are two catechumens and one candidate. One new candidate, who was on deployment, will enter the program to be confirmed with the others.

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, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. They plan to focus more effort on hospitality this year. They have discussed forming a welcoming committee. They also discussed how to increase attendance at the 5:30 Masses. Five Name Tag weekends are planned for this year. The first will be on Palm Sunday, at least at the 9:30 Mass.

On Easter Sunday, the parish will give out a book titled Beautiful Mercy as a gift to all parishioners. Peggy is in need of volunteers to help hand out the books after the Masses.

Our next Mass on the Grass will be in September.

In October, we may hold a commitment weekend.

Gary Keller took his proposal regarding reselling gift cards to the Diocese, but it was not accepted well.

Peggy Cahill (via Peggy Keller) –

Divine Mercy Sunday will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will hold a special Divine Mercy devotion service in the church from 2:30 to 3:30. Donna Lee will provide the music. A reception will follow in the Hall.

Fr. Mel –

He congratulated the Men's Club on their new brochure. He would like each ministry to have one. We could set aside a space for a Ministry section in the literature rack at the back of the church.

Father received a letter from Frank Kloberdanz's family thanking us for honoring Frank with a recognition award.

The Council will not meet in March. The next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2016.

*Submitted by Kathi Lohry*