

St. Columba Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

May 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Fr. Mel, Deacon Bill, Jeanette Allen, Tom Baxter, Fiona Bloemker, Curtis Carlson, Terry Foster, Bob Horn, Peggy Keller, Kathi Lohry, Tracy Lunn (for Rose Navarro), Dee Myers, Karina Tijerina

Fr. Mel led the opening prayer.

Approval of the April minutes was motioned and approved.

Deacon Bill -

The Men's Faith Group will hold a Morning of Reflection on October 1, 2016 starting at 8:45 am in the Ministry Center.

Curtis Carlson -

The Men's Club will do the BBQ at the picnic after the Holy Open Golf Tournament on June 10.

During the month of June, the Men's Club will conduct a Feed the Hungry food drive. Donated food will be given to Catholic Charities.

Bob Horn -

There is a meeting of the Master Plan Committee tomorrow, May 17.

The parish has hired a company called Guidance in Giving for assistance with our capital campaign. The Finance Committee will meet next week.

Peggy Keller-

The Stewardship Committee wants to focus on making hospitality a priority. She wants to remind every minister to wear their name badge at every Sunday Mass and to pass the reminder to others.

All the Beautiful Mercy books have been given away. They are considering the book Rediscover Jesus as a giveaway next Lent.

The next Name Tag Weekend will be June 11-12. The feast day of St. Columba is in June.

The next Mass on the Grass will be Saturday, Nov. 5, when the weather should be cooler.

Parishioners Kathleen Bradley and Gloria Schmoeger are heading up our new Welcome Committee.

The International Stewardship Conference will be held in New Orleans this year. No decisions yet on who might attend from our parish.

The Stewardship Committee has discussed how to promote hospitality through coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings. They talked about expanding it with a café-type setup.

Sharon Horn and Peggy Keller will be assessing the bathrooms behind the chapel and sacristy to see what kind of refurbishing might be done.

The Lay Apostles group is focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Divine Mercy group is focusing on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Fiona Bloemker –

She has a candidate in mind to be awarded in July with a Good Steward award. Fr. Mel mentioned that when the award was presented last year, some parishioners were upset at being unable to attend or being unaware of it. He suggested that perhaps the award could be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch in December.

Tracy Lunn (for Rose Navarro)

Each class in the school has been working on a project to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. For instance, the 1st grade wrote letters to the elderly, 2nd grade wrote letters to sailors on a ship, and the 8th grade collected money using the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl app.

Jeanette Allen –

The Bible Sharing group and the Martha's Ministry are working on creating brochures for their ministries. Joan McManus is shopping for new tablecloths for Martha's Ministry. Karina Tijerina said that a school parent recently donated tablecloths to the school, and suggested that Joan contact the parent for more information.

Dee Myers –

She stated that Martha's Ministry will not be cooking dinner for the Bishop on Confirmation Sunday as he will not dine here. They will, however, assist with food preparation for the upcoming Dinner with the Pastor event on June 27.

Tom Baxter –

A quarterly meeting for the altar servers was held last Friday, May 13; he talked about the importance of signing in for Mass. Peggy Keller attended the meeting to talk to the kids about Divine Mercy and the Lay Apostles group. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 12.

Fr. Mel suggested honoring the graduating altar servers with a dinner. Tom stated that they had a pool party for them last year, and he will plan another party in August.

Tom received a nice letter from a graduating altar server, which was read aloud to the Council.

Karina Tijerina –

The Young Adult group, which currently has about 6 members, will assist the Youth Group with their homeless outreach project.

Robin Keator (via Karina) -

There are 22 youth who should receive confirmation on May 29th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass with Bishop Brom. Ten youth from the Korean Community will join us again this year.

Youth group is going strong. Average attendance is about 20 or more each week. They voted on what they would like to do as their Work of Mercy. When they go downtown to serve the homeless on the streets, the most requested item is water, so they are going to do a bottled water drive. In addition, they would like to collect socks and toiletries as an ongoing, year-round collection and when they have collected enough to distribute, they will schedule additional outreach trips downtown.

Thirteen teens have registered for Steubenville this summer. Besides the recycling project, they will fundraise by selling tickets, starting next Sunday, May 22, for a Padre game on June 18 at 7:10 p.m. against Washington Nationals. It is also "fedora" giveaway night. A bundle of 150 tickets purchased. If they don't sell them all, they may have to have an additional fundraiser. Bob Horn

suggested putting an announcement in the bulletin asking parishioners to help sponsor the youth to attend Steubenville.

Gary Keller built a sorting rack for the recycling. It will speed the sorting and wear and tear on the back. He reported that since we began the recycling program, we saved 2.5 tons of recycling from the dump. The sign on the storage container is falling apart, and he is looking for a replacement sign, preferably metal. The youth have been asked to suggest designs for the sign.

Fr. Mel -

He said that Sacred Heart Parish in Coronado has an event called 24 Hours for the Lord and suggested that one of our ministries might sponsor a similar event. He advised holding it sometime in November or December. Peggy will be going to a Stewardship network meeting and will see if she can bring back ideas for planning it.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2016.

Submitted by Kathi Lohry