

## **Parish Council Meeting October 17, 2016**

Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Deacon Axel, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Fred Silva, Rose Marie Hart, Sharon Hamlin, Matthew Zoller, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta, Tita Gontang, Claudia Alcantara

Absent: Tony Terracciano, Joe Woodhead, Deacon Jim

Opening Prayer: Deacon Axel

Minutes for Aug 15<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.

**Pastor Update:** There will be an Usher/Greeter ministry meeting on Wednesday, October 19, in the PH. This will be a first step to organize this ministry to better serve the parish. The most important aspect of this ministry is to greet people as they enter the church for mass and for funerals in a manner that the attendees feel welcome. Additionally, the ushers and greeters will take up the collections during mass and distribute the weekly bulletins. The only requirement needed is to be able to smile, as stressed by Fr. Clement.

The design of the office/rectory facility continues to be refined; at present it is envisioned to be a structure of 7,775 s/f (offices, chapel, residence) with an estimated cost of \$1,166,250. The walkway is estimated to be \$110,625 and the elevator is estimated to be \$100,000 for grand total estimate of \$1,376,875. The MPC will continue to work on funding strategies and a fundraising committee will be established by the end of 2016 so that construction can begin as soon as feasible. (One option to consider would be partial construction should it be necessary for financial reasons). Feedback from parishioners has been positive.

**Outreach Ministry Report:** Fred reported there are 24 new parishioners (99.9% are Latinos) and there was 1 house blessing. He also discussed the collection envelopes; should they be distributed monthly or yearly (cheaper?). Fr. Clement will check into our options.

**Old Business:** Jean reminded everyone that the second chicken barbeque will be held on Saturday, October 22. She will be presenting a full report on both barbeques at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Parish Council will make BRIEF visits to the CCD classrooms sometime in December (to be determined at November meeting) at the beginning of the classes to distribute rosaries and Pope Francis cards.

A temporary library will be placed in the reception area of the basement until the new permanent library is completed in the new building. Jean will place a request in the bulletin in early November to ask for lightly used bookcases and Christian literature. Books will then be catalogued by an experienced librarian in the parish. This effort is being led by Debbie and Rose Marie.

Jean has someone who will be able to finish painting the hand on the Blessed Mother's picture in the PH. This will be done in November.

Claudia gave a Hispanic Ministry presentation. She reported that the community is very dynamic and very busy; events are well attended. A more detailed report was submitted prior to the meeting.

Matthew reported on the upcoming calendar of events for the Youth Ministry. The youth meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon following the mass at 11 a.m. Activities are planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The designation of "Youth Mass" will be changed to "Family Mass" to encourage families to attend together. Also, the confirmation community service project will be to clean up the Lady of Guadalupe grotto area.

Debbie presented a report on the Religious Education program. We have 16 catechists and 8 aides and they are instructing 226 students. There are 57 children preparing to receive the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist (26 2<sup>nd</sup> graders – 31 older children); 44 in RCIC – 20 baptisms; 4 all Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation will be Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. - 45 to be confirmed. There are 5 participants in the RCIA process – 2 converts; 3 communion and confirmation. A more detailed report is attached to these minutes.

A discussion of the parking issue with regard to CCD participants and people attending mass followed. A solution to this problem must be found so that no one is injured while on the church grounds. Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents MUST park and pick up children from the classrooms.

A listing of upcoming parish events was provided and Council members were encouraged to attend.

**Next meeting:** November 21 at 7 pm in the church basement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm following a prayer in Spanish by Claudia.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Reed  
Secretary