



# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018

### I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:33 pm by Vanessa Matocha, chair

### II. ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Vanessa Matocha, Fr. Tim Nolt, Fr. Everardo Casares, Alex Odom, Chad Myers, Tess Wilczynski, Yvonne Hellerstadt, Randy Kolb, Hee Jung Crawford, Norman Garza

**Absent:** Patrick Russell, Gustavo Rodriguez, Victor Castillo

### III. OPENING PRAYER - Alex Odom

### IV. RECTOR REPORT

#### A. Purpose of the Pastoral Council

This group is to be Advisory/Consultative – not a voting and decision-making body. The Rector seeks advice on matters.

#### B. Duties of Chair

Meet with rector at least monthly to discuss meeting and set the agenda, conduct the PC meeting, carry out actions as assigned by the rector

#### C. Purpose of PC dinners

Set up by Father Tim as a team-building experience. He would like to see all members attend. Costs (\$5.00 each) are to be covered by attendees (excluding priests and their guests)

#### D. CSSM & CFF Update

- CSSM has rolled out the Classical method - Latin-based, adding Latin and Socratic workshop. The school is currently looking for a Fine Arts teacher. The school started with full coffers. Gala money each Spring is used for the next school year budget. First meeting for the Bishop Circle and Cathedral Circle fundraising is complete will be on-going.
- CFF – streamlined approach to the Sacraments. No more overnight retreat experience

#### E. Crises in the Church

- Our diocese has a good record, and is not as directly involved in the scandal
- Various council members stated they were hearing concern about the Bishop not speaking up to clarify the situation to the diocese.
- Discussion ensued about sending individual letters or a combined letter from our PC to Bishop Vasquez. Father Tim said to send your thoughts in an email to him by Sunday evening and he will compile the ideas and send to Bishop Vasquez.
- Mass of Reparation Oct. 9 – all parishes in diocese
- Adoration at 7:30 pm every evening at the Cathedral

#### F. Fullness of Truth

Location moved to Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Church due to the cathedral's space concerns, lack of AC, and parking on the part of the Conference team.

### V. CHAIR REPORT

#### A. Ministry Fair Sat and Sun, Oct. 13-14, 20-21

Use the **Sign-up Genius** for designated time slots where you can help. Morning slots are

mostly filled need afternoon help. Help is needed 30 minutes before and after each mass. Look for Kathy Thomas or Alex Odom to find where help is needed.

#### **B. Election of Chair and Recorder – Tabled to future date**

- Tess nominated Gustavo – Gustavo who was not in attendance to accept/reject nomination
- Norman nominated Vanessa and seconded by Yvonne Hellerstedt

#### **C. Meeting Format**

- Discussion with Fr. Tim at month meeting - Feedback – listening, opportunity to consult. Working more for discussion meeting
- Member mentioned there will be times where meetings are more informational from the rector and chair and other times meeting like tonight will elicit more discussion
- Per the bylaws, abbreviated minutes of the meetings will be placed on the SMC website under Pastoral Council tab as a way of updating the parish on the Pastoral Council. Let anyone who asks, know where to find this information. Minutes will begin with this meeting
- A council member stated at many other types of meetings the agenda and readings material are sent out a head of time to allow individuals to prepare for meeting. Perhaps this would aid in discussion. Need members to send in ideas prior to setting agenda with Fr. Tim. Have Fr Tim approve agenda and send out to members ONE WEEK before the meeting.
- Due to spam email asking for money, all council members emails have been removed from the SMC website, with the exception of the chair. This is so parishioners have a way to continue to contact the council with questions or concerns

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Accessibility Ramp** – In the process of receiving bids and determining contractor. Jon Dahm (chair) will return from vacation in two weeks

**B. Directory Status** – Only needs to have opt our email sent to parishioners. Father Tim has asked Vanessa to work with Louis Barron on this issue

### **VIII. MEMBER ROUND TABLE THOUGHTS**

- Noticing that different dioceses are handling the church crises in various ways
- Women's Group is attending the Fullness of Truth. We need to dig deeper into our faith and not be tempted by the devil
- Hope in purging our community and country seems to be coming to a head
- Together in God's Love (TIGL) has 15 couples enrolled.
- Alex Odom – feeling very welcomed at the Cathedral. Happy to see some of the fractured nature is healing, but there is still work to be done in this area.
- Listing of various events such as small group in homes and Feast of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux October 1.

### **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Pastoral Council Meeting Oct. 17, 2018
- Parish Dance – October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30 pm
- Mass of Reparation Oct. 9
- Ministry Fair Oct. 13-14, & 20-21, 2018
- Fall Festival, SATURDAY October 27, 2018 – 9am – 4 pm

### **X. CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Tim**

### **XI. ADJOUNED – 8:09 PM**