

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCILS MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Members Present

Julie Moentk
Carlos Ortega
Frank Hernandez
Dot Hernandez
José Mendoza
Israel Elizalde
Blanca Porchini
Luis Porchini
Anna Lucas
Jaime Hernandez

Members Absent

Julia Portillo
Catarino Portillo
Bea Tovar

Staff Present

Father Ray Ritari, Pastor
Rosita Espericueta, Parish Administrator
Patrick McGowan, Parish Finance Director
Gena McGowan, School Principal

Father Raymond began the meeting at 6:37 p.m. with prayer.
He asked all present to introduce themselves and on which Council they serve.

Parish Three-year Plan

Father Raymond reviewed the parish three-year plan given to parishioners in January 2015. It is available on the parish website. He encouraged the council members to please see the parish website for this 3 year plan if they have not read it.

Catechetical Formation

During the 2015/2016 year emphasis will be given to parents whose children are enrolled in the monthly "Family Catechesis". Parents will now separate from children and receive their own instruction. Parents will be required to attend a retreat on Initiation before catechetical year begins in October. As well, with the two yearly retreats, parents will be separated from their children.

Additional Mass

Father Raymond announced that there will be an additional daily Mass in Spanish beginning June 1, Monday through Thursdays, and that confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Santo Toribio Chapel. Daily Mass in English will continue Monday through Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. There will be no Mass, Confessions, or Adoration on Friday s.

Catechetical Formation

Registration for catechetical formation class for 2015-16 will begin on Tuesday, June 2. This is for elementary, teen and adults. The registration is one-on-one. The calendar for 2015-16 is in

the process of being planned. The calendar includes the dates for adults, OCIC, family catechesis and teen classes. . Target date for the Eucharist and Confirmation celebration is April 9, 2016.

2015-16 Budget

Mr. Patrick McGowan, the parish finance director presented the 2015-2016 budget. He asked that members email their approval or questions to him no later than June 5. Patrick stated that Father Ray, Mrs. Gena McGowan, school principal, and he have a meeting at the Diocese on June 10. He also mentioned that, in order for parents to receive financial assistance, St. Matthew school parents must apply for six tuition applications for scholarships.

Additional Second Collections

There will be five additional second collections in the upcoming year. These are presently supported by parishioners but needed to be formalized in the list of second collections from the diocese. They will be taken three times per year. They are: 1) No More Deaths, 2) Life Choices Women's Clinic, 3) No More Trafficking- Sisters of Divine Savior in San Diego. Halfway house for women who have been trafficked for sex and labor. 4) Baby Bottles for Bethlehem (Advent ONLY), and 5) School for Orphans and Former Prostitutes in the Philippines run by the sisters of Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries.

Capital Campaign

Father Ray stated that the parish will be looking at having a capital campaign. Parish capital campaign possible projects are: : A) Bathrooms, B) Parish/School sign, C) New windows or possible boarding up of present windows in school and parish cafeteria, D) shade structure for plaza, E) New locks on school classroom doors, and F) Camera for church to televise into parish cafeteria for overflow at Spanish masses.

Projects B through F are being looked at for costs and will be presented to parish council members via e-mail as there is no meeting in July. Project A is presently being started by a parishioner, Mike Lugo.

Former Convent

8. Former convent - possible upgrade for preschool and catechetical center. Father Raymond, Mrs. McGowan, and our parish administrator, Ms. Rosita Espericueta will meet on Friday, May 29, to discuss possible upgrades for this endeavor with the associate director of diocesan buildings and property, Mr. Hintze.

2015-16 School Report

Mrs. McGowan gave report regarding school year for 2015-2016. The following was reported: Mrs. McGowan stated that this will be the fifth year of the dual language program and this is the third year that staff will attend in-service in Boston for the dual language program. She continued that a new teacher has been hired that only speaks Spanish, classes are at capacity and

there is a wait list, some teachers have been moved to different grades, and there will be a new language arts teacher.

Other Items

1. Computer lab for parishioners off of the old cafeteria is just about completed. This will be available to parishioners who have no access to the Internet.
2. The Santo Toribio Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was recently blessed at the last Eucharistic Ministers/Proclaimers of the Word/Musicians monthly prayer meeting.
3. A group to plan the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy which will begin December 8 of 2015 and extend through November 2016 needs to be formed. Parish events around the Jubilee Year of Mercy will need to be finalized and advertised by the beginning of November. We will need to find ways to express mercy through tangible assistance not only in our own community but in other parts of the world. In other words, the Jubilee Year of Mercy is not just about going to have one's private sins absolved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Hopefully, the parish Social Justice Committee might assist the Jubilee Year of Mercy planning committee.
4. There will be less flyers and paper handed out at Sunday Masses. Parishioners are being encouraged to use the parish website for as much parish information as possible. Announcements will continue and parishioners will be directed to the website for more information

Father Gerardo Barmasse, CSC (Congregation of the Holy Cross) will begin as the new Parochial Vicar on June 1. We welcome him enthusiastically. Father Gerardo has spent the majority of his priesthood in the countries of Chile and Peru. His first Sunday Masses with us in Spanish on June 7 at 7:30 AM and 9:15 AM. Fr. Gerardo is a US citizen and speaks English as well.

The adult altar servers and Visitors to the Bereaved will be trained during the month of June. Adults and their children are encouraged to sign up and be altar servers.

New Council Members

The new Parish Council members are: Patricia Alamillo and Hector Rivas
The new Parish Finance Council members are: Israel Elizalde and José Mendoza

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.