Parish Pastoral Council

St. Paul the Apostle Church

March 12th, 2024

Present: Father Fabio, Amy Bobenhausen, Steve Bannon, Jane Brown, Victoria Donato, Bobbie Easterday, Jesus Estrada Ramirez, Juan Gutierrez, MaryJo Stonecipher, Ron Taylor, Mike Yarbrough, Mel Vaillant

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Amy. Father opened with a prayer.
2. The February minutes were approved.
3. Open Issues/Old Business
4. Doughnuts

Coffee and donuts, on the last Sunday of the month, continues to have a good turnout. The date for March/April will be combined due to Easter and confirmation. The date will be April 7th.

1. Discernment Retreat

The current council members will be attending. There have been a few parishioners who have also signed up to attend. The retreat is this Saturday, March 16th, from 9am to 12pm. Breakfast will be served. Amy presented a tentative agenda for the retreat, which all approved.

1. Newcomers Welcome

The Newcomers Welcome will be held on Sunday, April 21st, at 5:30 pm. This will be a covered dish dinner provided by parishioners, welcoming those registered new parishioners since January of 2023. Jane volunteered to send invitations. We will have sign ups for the covered dishes following all Masses during the April 6th/7th and 13th/14th weekends. We are looking forward to a great turnout for this gathering!

1. Capital Campaign

Steve reported that envelopes have been ordered for the capital campaign and therefore we, as a parish, can move forward toward achieving the goals of this campaign.

1. Parish Mission Report

We discussed the success of the mission, and all agreed the first two nights had a good turnout. The second two nights, especially Friday, conflicted with other scheduled events, and therefore, did not have as good a turnout. Next year, it was suggested, to possibly have it Monday through Thursday, and make sure no other events are scheduled during that week. It was also recommended that we possibly hold the mission during Advent, which could also be a possibility. We all agreed we want to see our parish mission continue every year.

1. Feeding Faith Formation

Our council will be responsible for providing food for our Faith Formation families on April 10th and 24th. MaryJo volunteered to organize the food and the volunteers for what to bring, etc., on the 10th.

Ron suggested that we possibly add providing these meals next year to our school budget. We will discuss this more when Lisa returns.

1. New Business
2. Shower/Kitchen

Originally, plans were included for a shower in the basement, but due to increased costs, there will not be a shower.

The kitchen issue of its cleanliness (after an event) has been addressed. There will be a checklist that will be used for any activities utilizing the kitchen. The checklist will be printed in both English and Spanish.

1. Parish Workday

Our parish will have a workday to cleanup the grounds and buildings (inside and outside) on Saturday, the 13th. Volunteers are definitely needed to help in all areas. This will be announced at all Masses.

1. Our next meeting date will be on April 2nd. Amy closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Vaillant