Parish Pastoral Council

St. Paul the Apostle Church

May 7th, 2024

Present: Amy Bobenhausen, Steve Bannon, Jane Brown, Victoria Donato, Bobbie Easterday, Juan Gutierrez, Judie Harman, Mel Vaillant, Lisa Wade, Mike Yarbrough, Cindy Zilaro

Absent: Father Fabio, Jesus Estrada Ramirez, Ron Taylor

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Amy, who also said the opening prayer. Since we had new members present, Amy went over our meeting protocols.
2. The April minutes were approved.
3. Open Issues/Old Business
4. Doughnuts

Coffee and doughnuts have now been permanently moved to the third Sunday of each month. The next date is May 19th.

1. Discernment

Two new members have joined our council, with three having left. Our new members are Judie Harman and Cindy Zilaro. Thank you both for stepping up to be a part of our parish council.

Thank you, as well, to Cecelia Delgado, Mary Jo Stonecipher and Mike Butcher for your time that you gave to the council.

1. Capital Campaign

Steve reported that our capital campaign is moving forward in a positive manner. He reminded the council that there are seven projects that are all a part of this campaign and is why it is so important that our entire parish steps up to help with this campaign.

Two suggestions/ideas were brought up: once the items in the basement are cleaned out, offer to give tours of the basement in order to show our parishioners what will be happening in order for everyone to see the importance of this project . The other suggestion was to have a yard sale of the items that need to be removed from the basement as there are many sellable items down there. Of course, the money from any sales would be given directly to the capital campaign fund.

1. Feeding Faith Family Formation

Lisa reported that all meals were very successful in feeding the families of our Faith Formation group. All were so thankful. Lisa also reported that she is talking to our Finance Committee, on the recommendation of Ron Taylor, for asking for the cost of the meals to be added to the budget for the education department for SY 24-25, in order to have this continue.

1. Newcomers’ Dinner

Everyone who attended the dinner felt that it was very successful. Some ideas for next year will be to move the dinner to February and have a Valentines dinner, as well as a tour of the campus.

Although we no longer have folders to welcome our newcomers, Mel will be looking into getting ideas of putting folders together again in order to give out to new parishioners, starting with this year.

1. New Business
2. Video/Facebook Masses (Homebound members)

Juan volunteered to find out the information we need and the requirements in order to get a new laptop and present to Father at our June meeting. If we do get a new laptop, we will be asking the finance committee to fund that purchase.

1. Bilingual Masses

It was asked of a parish council member to bring up that perhaps at bilingual masses prayers that are being used and songs that are being sung could be announced, so people could follow along. We all agreed to table this till next month in order to bring it up with Father.

1. Integration of our communities

Mel is going to look into the possibility of bilingual missalettes, and Vicky volunteered to look into more information about how to get sponsors for an annual calendar that will also be bilingual.

1. Parish Hall Ordering

Mel is going to call the parishioner that has done all of the ordering of supplies and the stocking of shelves for the past several years and ask her to show Juan and Mel what is needed to perform these two tasks.

1. Other Business

Lisa reiterated that there needs to be a cleaning out session for the basement, as nothing can be done down there until everything is moved out.

There was also a suggestion to ask the family member that is gifting the relics to our parish to possibly give a presentation, so that parishioners can also be included on another important piece to this capital campaign, that is, the building of a special area in order to house these precious relics.

We all agreed on the importance of our parishioners to actively see where their monies will be going. Both ideas of a tour of the basement and a presentation of the relics will be shared with Father at our next meeting.

1. Our next meeting will be held on June 4th, 2024.
2. Jane said our closing prayer.
3. Our meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Vaillant