



ST. IGNATIUS MARTYR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

THURSDAY JANUARY 17TH, 2019 7:15 PM (AT ST. IGNATIUS LIVING ROOM)

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members Present: Deidre Acord, Michael Arguello, Cody Baker, Kate Meyers, Joyce Pulich, Tony Slagle, Fr. John Dougherty, Grant Robinett, Dorcas Rockwell, Fr. Dennis Strach II.

Absent: Loretta Lozano, Jose Peña Rafael Riojas, DeAnn Walker

Guests: Deacon Karl Romkema, Mike Ryan, Edward Dolphin

Opening Prayer – Pastoral Council members and guests took turns reading the Holy Cross Constitutions on Consecration and Commitment. Fr. Dennis led the reflection.

Fr. John asked the novices, Mike Ryan and Edward Dolphin, to introduce themselves.

Approve absence of council members – Chair Tony Slagle said that according to the amended bylaws, the council must approve the absences of members. Rafael Riojas, DeAnn Walker and Jose Pena had informed Tony and/or Fr. John that they would miss the January meeting. Joyce Pulich made a motion seconded by Dorcas Rockwell to approve absences for Rafael, DeAnn, and Jose. Motion passed. Fr. John and Tony will review the bylaws and take appropriate action with Loretta Lozano.

Review of the minutes – The November 15th minutes and the amended October 18th minutes were approved on a motion made by Kate Meyers and seconded by Deidre Acord.

Pastor's Report –

- The organizational consultant met with staff and affirmed reporting lines and supervisory meetings.
- Parish collections are balancing out. The St. Ignatius collections for the Catholic Services Appeal met 93% of the goal.
- The stewardship ministry fair will be held in the Family Center following masses on January 19 and 20.
- The goal for the Diocese capital campaign that will begin in July is \$1.7 million. Organizational meetings will begin in April. Funds from this campaign will support the construction of a casita in the rectory backyard.
- The confessionals are not complete but should be finished in a week.
- The sacristy electrical panel sparked for Fr. Dennis so it has been moved to a higher priority.
- On the stained-glass window project, donors have committed to pay for 7 of the 10 large ones in the main church at a cost of \$25,000-\$35,000 each. A design committee has been appointed. Stained-glass for the half moon windows in the side entrances are estimated to cost \$15,000. The goal is to complete the project by 2022.



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School report – Fr. John reported that current students will be re-registered but can opt out. Tuition will increase 5% for the 2019-2020 school year. They are doing away with the annual open house but will continue Lunch and Learn introductory sessions and Tuesday evening school tours.

Gala committee member Deidre Acord reminded members that the school's biggest fundraiser will be held Saturday February 9 at St. Edward's University. She encouraged council members to attend and sponsor tables if possible.

Youth Ministries – Grant Robinett reported that 50 young people attended a confirmation retreat this past weekend. Parents attended a retreat at the same time. DCYC will be February 1-3 in Waco. An XLT outdoor event will be held February 16 at Community First. The youth group will be volunteering at Community First January 19.

Cody Baker and Grant want the teens to be more involved in the 5 p.m. Sunday mass as lectors, eucharistic ministers, etc. Fr. John said that liturgist Paul Juarez will conduct trainings for new ministers in February. They must be in the confirmation process to serve as ministers. Students who are interested may sign up at the ministry fair.

Strategic plan – There was no report on the strategic plan.

New Business

- Fr. John said Paul Juarez will be retraining eucharistic ministers as well as recruiting and training new ones. He will add a spiritual aspect.
- Fr. John reminded the council that Deacon Karl will be ordained at Notre Dame on April 27. Information about the event will be disseminated soon.
- Fr. John talked about the new room at the rectory. Joe Franz is building a table that will seat 12-14 people. It will be dedicated to Fr John's uncle's memory on January 25. Bishop Bill Wack who will be in town that day will bless it.

Closing prayer – Cody Baker

Future Meetings – Pastoral Council 2019: 1/17, 2/21, 3/28 (Joint with Finance), 5/16, 6/20