**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 22, 2015**

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| **Marilyn Terhaar** | Mary Dunbar | Narci de la Cruz |
| **Victor & Ana Nava** | Mindy Doeden | **Mary Fogarty** |
| **Betty Jean Cordill** | **Katie Edmonds** | **Clarissa Bay** |
| **Fr. William** | **Fr. Basil** |  |

Those present in bold:

Betty Jean opened with prayer and reading.

1. **Adult Education:**

Fr. William announced the upgrade from Symbolon to Formed. There has been an informational flyer put out in the bulletin. Katie has updated the website to reflect the change. Fr William would like to have an event to announce and promote the use of Formed by the parishioners. Possibly a live demo during Mass, and/or assisting the less technologically savy to get going. Katie will work with Fr. William to figure out how we can do a demo.

Our Mercy Nights will be on the First Thursday of the Month at 6:30-7:30, P&W Music, Adoration, and Reconciliation offered, with potluck desert after in the basement. Anyone is invited to attend! The 2nd 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays will host adult education events. We will start off with the new series by Fr. Robert Barron which will take us just about to Advent season. In the meantime, we will work to assess the parish for subjects which they would like to hear more about and attempt to schedule speakers for these events. Fr. William is currently working on getting a speaker about marriage.

1. **Halloween Party**

The Intercultural Task Force has come up with the idea for hosting an all parish Halloween Celebration Saturday October 31. KC has been contacted about joining in on hosting this event, and will be contacted again. Many ideas were discussed and weighed. Many are for a party more focused on All Saints Day rather than Halloween, there were some concerns about people dressed in costume attending Mass. There was suggestion of holding one joint bilingual Mass that evening. Utilizing high school students for volunteers to help out would be an idea. Multiple games/activity stations could be set up each with a different “sponsor” that set up/took down/ and staffed during the night. Each station can give out candy/pries etc… pinatas are a possibility, could have a costume contest, Greatest Saint etc… Snacks… The event is to be promoted by staff at Family Faith/ Youth Events.

1. **Website Update**
* Working with Darin, Katie has learned how to update some things on the website, updated some content, and changed the look with a new “theme”. Mary Fogarty has taken multiple pictures that will be used to make the site more visually appealing. The Formed info has been added with links, instructions, the new code, and pictures of what is available.
* Rick Carroll has created a main Parish online Calendar, as well as one for staff to track Parish Facilities use. Some of the staff has started to enter events on the calendars
* Katie is still waiting on St. Edwards for some information about how they record Homilies
* Katie asked for volunteers to help review a list of website/blog/app links that can then be added to the website so families have a list of trusted and suggested Catholic resources that can help them develop and support them in their faith journey. Fr. Basil said he would take a look.
* The next step is to begin soliciting updated ministry information so that it can be added to the website.
1. **Mass Time Changes**

Adding another Spanish Mass was discussed and a trial agreed upon. The new Mass will be at 6:30 Saturday Evening, with the English Mass moving up to 5PM. Reconciliation will continue to be offered before both Masses.

1. **Reader Board**

Betty Jean raised the subject of looking into a new reader board – and needing to reflect the change in Mass times on sign. Also looking at maybe purchasing an electronic sign to be able to better publicize messages of inspiration and events to the public that travel by. Katie will get info she has access to from others looking at signs. Betty Jean suggested getting grants.

1. **Basement Update**

Fr. William said he had a second conversation with a knowledgeable parishioner regarding the proposed basement ceiling updating/projector installation. He said this person was also not in favor of removing the drop ceiling. He said he still wanted to talk to someone else about it.

1. **Greeter Program Update**

Marilyn gave an update. Said that Joni Steffen has enthusiastically taken on this role at 10:30 Mass. We are still in need of others to do the same at the other Masses. Also discussed was putting a prayer/welcome to St. Paul Parish card in pews

1. **Other**

Several comments regarding poor communication within the Parish were noted. Need consistency in Mass announcements/ bulletin entries/and special speakers at all Masses etc… Everyone agrees this needs to be improved

Council Elections held. Katie Edmonds was nominated for Chair, accepted nomination and voted to be Chair for the coming year. As no one volunteered to take minutes, we will ask Mindy to reprise her role as secretary again.

**The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held October 27th at 7PM. Please send agenda requests to Fr. William or Katie at: jkedmonds93@gmail.com**