

Holy Family Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2016 – Report to Parish

I. Father Lawrence started the meeting with an Opening prayer at 6:05pm

II. Members in attendance: Present Absent

Fr. Lawrence	x
Deacon King	x
Bob James	x
Don Schuster	x
Guy Guerin	x
JoAnn Worley	x
Fausto Gurrusquieta	x
Melva Knox	x
Carolyn Marty	x

III. Agenda

The agenda for this meeting (copy attached) included three topics as Old Business and twelve items as New Business. The meeting proceeded following the agenda order.

IV. Old Business Discussion

1. The piano has been sold; the purchaser is still waiting for a piano cradle to remove the piano from the church hall. We are still seeking a purchaser for the organ and the classroom furniture being kept in storage.
2. The Pastoral council committee developing the master building plan visited two activities center, Lindale United Methodist Church and St. William in Carthage. These visits focused on the overall size of the facilities, the size /location of their youth centers, configuration of classrooms/offices, kitchen and location to their respective sanctuaries. It is planned that the committee will visit at least two more sites.
3. We are planning to resume youth meetings and activities in the Parish, with new coordinators, from January in the New Year.

V. New Business Discussion

1. The Chairman of the Financial Council, Sharon Forsyth, attended this meeting to review the draft 2017 Budget, and obtain additional feedback on potential budget expenses required to complete the Budget. Sharon shared the 2017 Budget Worksheet with the Council. The Council reviewed the Worksheet and posed questions concerning the adequacy of the Revenues and clarification of some of the Expense categories. It was concluded that the overall budget included items, vestments, and books, etc., previously requested by the Pastoral Council was included in the budget.
2. In the update from the Finance Council Minutes, it was noted that Fr. Lawrence approved the plans for a portable building.
3. As reported in the Building Committee report, many of the identified safety items had been remedied.
4. The closing for the sale of the property has been moved to January 18, 2017.

5. The Council reviewed the Proposed Advent to New Year's Day Liturgical Plan, and after a few modifications, the plan was approved.
6. The Council agreed to have all ministry leaders to submit their special activity schedule and regular meeting schedule to the parish office by November 30, 2016.
7. The discussion of the new facility needs, location etc. was discussed under Old Business Item #2.
8. It was agreed as the Council moves closer to finalizing the Master Plan for building new facilities, we will obtain the use of the Professional Fundraiser currently being used by other Parishes in the Diocese.
9. It was agreed that Fr. Lawrence will send a Christmas card to all parishioners.
10. The new members to the Council, JoAnn Worley and Fausto Gurrusquieta, were introduced by Fr. Lawrence.

VI. Fr. Lawrence led the closing prayer

VII. Next Meeting: December 6, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Parish hall.

VIII. Adjourned: 9:12 pm