

Holy Family Pastoral Council
March 7, 2017 Meeting – Report to Parish

I. Fr 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	
Enrique Garcia	x	
Melva Knox	x	
Carolyn Marty	x	

III. Agenda

The agenda for this meeting (copy attached) included one topic as Old Business and eleven items as New Business.

IV. Old Business Discussion

1. Bob James reported back from Sandy Wyatt that currently all the appropriate parishioners have been certified for Ethics and Integrity training. Two of our new Youth Ministers, Fausto and Sophia Gurrusquieta must take the required course and Fr Lawrence will notify the Diocese.

V. New Business Discussion

1. The Pastoral Council reviewed on a limited basis the minutes from the other two advisory bodies, due to their reports not being provided by the Council Secretary. Copies of those minutes are attached to these minutes. Two items discussed were the roofing repairs and our appeal to the IRS for our past Form 941 filings. Bids have been obtained for the roof repairs, with the selected bid of \$1938 being approved by Fr Lawrence. The Finance Council is still waiting feedback on our appeal to the IRS.
2. The Council reviewed several versions of the new Parish Ministry Center. A lengthy discussion followed identifying deficiencies/shortcoming of all the versions, which would still be required to meet the needs of our growing parish. Most of these deficiencies centered on the various storage requirements, classroom configuration, proper design for hallways/exits for safety concerns. The Council agreed a longer period is required for parishioner review and feedback on the configuration of the new building. The Council then discussed the critical issue of the location of the new building. The location issue was raised by parishioners in early feedback, with most requesting that the new building be closer to the existing church and parish hall. This requirement poses new challenges for a final selection of the new building site. There may be severe limitations to accomplish this due to the church property topography as well as the church entry from

- SH 849. The Council will seek more construction/contractor assistance to further clarify/identify alternatives to our current masterplan.
3. The proposal for the announcement of family name plaques for donors contributing the cost for classrooms, etc., was deferred until we complete the design work.
 4. For Holy Week the following was decided:
 - a. Holy Thursday ceremony will be bilingual. 12 parishioners will be selected for the feet washing ceremony.
 - b. The Good Friday Spanish Stations of the Cross will be held outside the Church
 - c. For the Easter Vigil, there is a RCIA candidate and several confirmations and baptisms.
 5. The Parish picnic is now confirmed for May 7th. The Parish will pay for the rental of Picker's Pavilion.
 6. For Mother's Day the Parish will provide prayer cards and flowers to all mothers at the Sunday masse. For Father's Day the Parish will provide prayer cards to all fathers.
 7. There will be no soup potluck for the Friday during Spring Break week. The KC fish fries will resume the following week.
 8. The Council agreed to pursue actions to reach the Church's goal for the Bishop's Appeal. We are still waiting for the Diocese to provide the amount that has been raised thus far.
 9. Melva Knox reported final disposition of items that were stored at the Annex. Items valued at \$690 were donated to several churches in Lindale and Mineola. Several more items were sold for \$350. The Council appreciates all the efforts that were required to finalize these transactions.
 10. Enrique Garcia proposed we establish a Lighthouse Catholic Media center in the Church/parish hall. The initial \$1200 cost will be borne by Enrique and when CD sales or donations occur the funds will be used to replace items that are required. The Council agreed to this proposal on a trial basis to gauge the effectiveness of this program.
 11. Guy Guerin informed the Council that the K of C approved to support the purchase of an AED by donating half of the cost, \$750. This was contingent on the other \$750 be provided by the Parish, or other Ministry. Enrique agreed that he, or through others, will provide the other \$750.

VI. Fr Lawrence led the closing prayer

VII. Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Parish hall.

VIII. Adjourned: 8:52 pm