

## Pastoral Council Minutes: February 13, 2017

**Members Present:** Msgr. R. Morris, E. Luker, B. Langley, C. Creamer, S. Paul, M. Ustick, S. Helton, K. Bentley,, G. Green

**Absent:** T. Goodrich

**Religious Clergy, Nuns and Laity Present:** J Marino, Sr. K. Beatty,

7:00 p.m. Call to Prayer by Msgr. Morris

Minutes from the January Meeting were read and corrected. Motion to approve was passed.

### Old Business Concerning Parish Pastoral Plan

- **Coral Heights/Resource Center:** The proposal to purchase the Coral Heights property was brought before the Finance Committee by Msgr and was approved. The Finance Committee recommended taking the \$55,000 from the Pastoral Care Account needed to complete the purchase. After an inspection of the property and approval from the city to use the property for food distribution to the neighborhood, the property was purchased for \$200,000. The closing was set for the end of February and occupancy was set for March 1<sup>st</sup>. Since a family was presently living in the property at the time of the closing, their personal belongings will be moved, as the previous owner has secured a place for them in which to move. Msgr. presented future possibilities for various uses of the house, such as working with the Sheriff's Department for showing monthly movies, inviting various cafeterias to come once a month to serve food, and enhancing educational opportunities such as ESOL classes and tutoring for children. Its primary purpose will be promoting it as a source of help to the neighborhood. The inspection of the property indicated only minor repairs and cosmetic improvements will be needed. A/C, roofing, electricity, and plumbing, all appear to be in good condition. Sister Rosamunda will encourage the local community to physically care for the place, such as cutting the grass, fixing small repairs and encouraging them to take ownership of the house as a neighborhood house. K. Bentley suggested we contact the county for free shrubbery and plants to beautify the project, as they have a giveaway day coming up in April. Msgr suggested the formal dedication would be set in May and the Bishop could be invited for this event. At the present time, he is open to suggestions as to naming the place.
- **Catholic Leadership Institute** Survey is available in hard copy and on line for parishioners to complete. Last year 480 people took the survey; it is hoped this number will increase this year. It was suggested perhaps people could bring in their personal computers and help parishioners take the survey on line after Mass in the narthex. All Parish ministries are encouraged to take the survey.
- **Smart Goals for the Parish Priority Plan:**
- **Forming Intentional Disciples:**
  1. **Children's Faith Formation** A written report by E. Chinery indicated an increase in Baptisms for the first three months of the year (Jan., Feb., Mar). The summary is as follows: 2014-5; 2015-8; 2016-8; 2017 -16
- **Caring for our Common Home** G. Greene is working with the Knights of Columbus and Sr. Kathleen on placing large recycling containers around the parish grounds.
- **Connecting Our Faith to the Family and the Community** The Emmaus Project is on hold. Presently, the Alpha Project is being explored, as per Deacon Kunder's suggestion. The reason for this exploration is the Alpha Project may be better suited to strengthen the parish as a whole, by training parishioners to become more involved in service. M. Ustick will be exploring this project.
  1. **Marriage Enrichment Program:** No update.
  2. **Baycare Congregational Assistance Program:** No update.
  3. **Sister Rosamunda** continues providing food and clothing to Coral Heights and refugees.
  4. **Rescheduled talk on Dementia:** No update

### New Business

- **Discernment Process Preparation:** E. Luker , G. Green and S. Paul terms terminate this year . Three replacements will be recruited from nominations submitted to The Discernment Process Committee for serving on the Pastoral Committee. This announcement will be posted in the bulletin on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and March 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. C. Creamer and B. Langley agreed to serve on the Discernment Committee. Msgr noted that Teresa Johnson is the contact for publishing any request in the bulletin. This year members of the present Pastoral Committee will speak at all the masses March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> announcing the recruitment for three new members. Linda Johnston will be contacted to lead the process .
- Msgr. updated Bishop Parkes' plans to hold two "Listening Sessions" in our area: St. Petersburg Catholic High School and Espiritu Santo Parish. He does not know if the Bishop will be at SCOS confirmation April 29<sup>th</sup>, but is hoping to have him at the dedication of the property in Coral Heights.
- **Parish Twinning:** K. Bentley met with Fr. Emery and Fr. Albert Shuyaka to explore possibilities of Twinning with parishes in Africa. The challenges are great. Sister Rosamunda had discussion with Steven Smith regarding how to set up missions, as she is in contact with an orphanage in Tanzania. Msgr. encouraged K. Bentley to continue exploring the notion of twinning and provide a recommendation at the March meeting. He also suggested talking to Fr. Charles Leke for other possibilities.

### Reports on Commissions

- **Stewardship Commission:** Deacon R. Wells is assigned the commission and working on a report and increasing new members.
- **Faith Formation Commission:** E. Chinery plans to meet with all those involved with the Middle School project.
- **Justice Commission:** Sr. Kathleen reiterated the need for recycling containers to be placed around the parish.

### Pastor's Remarks and Announcements

- Teresa Johnson was hired to work specifically on the church bulletin. Chris Pellitier will be in charge of all Social Media communications, such as the web page, postings of weddings and baptisms, twitter account, etc. Rich Petit will train and work with C. Pellitier on this project.
- The discussion questions from the recent Parish Ministries meeting were distributed. Msgr asked what the various ministries can do as groups and as a parish as we reach out to the Hispanic community, keeping in mind **V Encuentro**.
- **Fr. J. Marino** reported he is down to one treatment of Cazyva a month for his leukemia. He expects June or July will be the last treatments. His doctors are very positive about his progress and the excellent outcomes Cazyva has on leukemia patients.
- **Sister Marie's** brother passed recently and the funeral was held in Dunellen, FL on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Next meeting: March 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Resurrection Hall, Room 10. Adjournment and closing prayer was by Msgr. Morris at 8:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Sonia Helton