

Pastoral Council Minutes: January 9, 2017

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

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

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

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

Old Business Concerning Parish Pastoral Plan

- **Coral Heights/Resource Center:** Msgr. Morris received the results of the property appraisal by Michael McElveen for three lots and a house located in Coral Heights. Each lot is valued at \$33,550 for a total of \$100,650. The house is appraised at \$122,200. The total appraised value of the property is approximately \$222,850, considering the market range of the property being estimated at \$221,500-\$228,300. Msgr. indicated he felt there is a possibility that the actual price could be negotiated. SCOS available resources at the present time for purchasing the property stand at \$160,000. Approximately \$40,000 - \$60,000 more is needed to purchase the property. Given this information base, Msgr. asked the Council if SCOS should move forward with the purchase of the property. After each member of the council expressed his/her thoughts regarding the actual purchase, it was decided the project met our Pastoral Mission goals, one being, to serve those in our Parish boundaries. The work of the project makes a dynamic statement to the local community. Upon the Council's agreement, it recommended that it is in our best interest to purchase the property and Msgr. should present the request to the Finance Committee to explore financial options for generating the remaining monies. If additional funds can be secured, the council recommended it be presented to the members of the parish for final approval.
- **Catholic Leadership Institute- Survey**
The survey given to the parish last year will be implemented again this spring. A comparison of previous data, collected with the new second collected data, will be assessed as to what increases/decreases have occurred in profiling the parish and its mission to meet its goals. An information session via webinar will be held on January 10th and 11th for members of the parish who wish to participate in the project. This online tutorial will provide the participant with more information about this year's survey, as well as answering any questions anyone may have about the survey. Msgr. provided the Parish Council with the code for participating in the online tutorial. At the end of January, Msgr. intends to preach about SCOS's mission and the impact of meeting the goals, along with the importance of participating in the survey. All Parish ministries are encouraged to take the survey.

Smart Goals for the Parish Priority Plan: Three update summary reports were distributed to the council by Father J. Marino.

- **Forming Intentional Disciples:**
 1. *Children's Faith Formation* E. Chinery reported that Goal 2 – Increase participation in Faith Formation areas by 30-50 by June 2017- was met with an addition of 43 new students in the Children's Faith Formation Program and Goal 3 – conduct annual survey of all students by June 30 of each year was met.
 2. *Connecting Our Faith to the Family and the Community* met their goal of addressing one challenge a year facing families by having a presentation on Drug Abuse. The projected subject goal for 2017 will be on pornography.
 3. *Christ Renews His Parish.* No report. On hold at present time.
- **Caring for our Common Home:** Sr. Kathleen indicated a need for recycling containers to be placed on the parish grounds and encourage parishioners and staff to use as indicated. She is asking the Knights of Columbus to help by providing the containers.
- **Connecting Our Faith to the Family and Community:**
 1. *Marriage Enrichment Program* J. Malarkey reported 48 registered couples with an average of 19 attending each session. December's topic was "Marriage in Christ

with a Christmas Touch". Additional actions include plans to rotate the meeting facilitating task from month to month to strengthen the teams, to group by having bulletin articles and mass slides on the 3rd Sunday prior to each session, keeping registration forms in the narthex, and extending the Covenant of Love Agreement another year in March 2017.

2. *Baycare Congregational Assistance Program* continues, helping homeless and others with emotional problems. This SCOS program is unique in the diocese. Catholic Charities now is working with Bay Care in order to expand the program state wide.
3. *Community Outreach Ministry* Sister Rosamunda continues providing food and clothing to Coral Heights and refugees. She is working and coordinating with various resources such as Publix, Abundant Life Church, Beaming Hope Church and High Point Center. A detailed report can be obtained from Sister in her office in the Parish Rectory.
4. S. Helton reported the Respect Life Ministry will reschedule the talk on *Dementia* given by Pat Meyer in March 2017.

New Business:

- Msgr. updated the council regarding newly elected Bishop Parkes' plans to implement "Listening Sessions" around the diocese so that the People of God can share their concerns with him.
- **Parish Twinning:** Father Emery suggests SCOS consider participating in a Parish Twinning Project in the Congo, Africa. Parish Twinning is building a relationship with a church in another country, not with the intention of taking care of the parish, but with the idea of building a relationship in aiding parish growth. M. Ustick and K. Bentley volunteered to explore this possibility. Msgr. advised them to contact Sabrina Burton in the Diocesan Office and provided them with a Diocesan manual explaining the project. They agreed to consult with Fr. Emery and Ms. Burton.

Reports on Commissions:

- **Stewardship Commission:** The *Ministries Fair* will be held in September, 2017.
- **Faith Formation Commission:** EDGE, the Middle School Faith Formation Project has been implemented with great success.
- **Justice Commission: Parish Advocacy Group:** This newly organized group met with a very small attendance.

Pastor's Remarks and Announcements

- APA for the parish has met its goal. Whatever exceeds the assessed amount will transfer to next year's goal. Giving to APA results in more financial support for the parish.
- Bishop Parkes is promoting a diocesan goal of becoming missionary disciples by encouraging parish participation in a project entitled **V Encuentro**. (Roman numeral V). It is to be a Lenten imitative intended to build community relationships with the Hispanic community in the dioceses. Msgr. wishes to open up the project to the whole parish, encouraging SCOS parishioners in living as a loving witness to Jesus by becoming missionary disciples and witnesses of God's love. The project focuses on how we welcome immigrants that live in this community, examining our understanding and acceptance of various cultural needs growing in the church due to the diversity of new community neighbors. Msgr is looking for suggestions for how our parish can participate in the Encuentro Project. A booklet, describing and implementing the Vision, Processes and Guiding Sessions, was distributed to each member of the Parish Council.
- Msgr. summarized today's meeting by reemphasizing the three important parish activities that will be taking place in the future:
 1. The **purchase of the Choral Heights** property.
 2. Participation in taking the **second survey**
 3. Participation **V Encuentro Ministry**

Next meeting: February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Resurrection Hall, Room 10. Adjournment was by Msgr. Morris at 8:45 pm. Closing prayer was given by Fr. Marino, with a special prayer for the children of Aleppo.

Minutes respectfully taken and submitted by Sonia Helton