

Our Lady of the Pillar Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2007

1. OPENING PRAYER - Jim Reynolds

2. Roll Call—Kristin Sutro

Attendees: Father Doming, Kristin Sutro, Michelle Brooks, Candace Lilly, Jose Villalobos, Tim Iverson, Rosemary Garcia, Zenaida Acosta, Jim Reynolds, Rosemary Garcia, Tom Clarkin, Dr. Joy Enriquez

Absent: Arnold Rodriguez (excused), Michelle Brooks (excused)

3. Review Minutes of 11/01 Meeting

Minutes were approved after having been read. Jose suggested that all council members email receipt of minutes to Candace so that all members can read the documents and be prepared to approve/amend. (Tim motioned, Rosemary seconded).

4. Review of By-Laws - Father Doming

There was an installation of seven new Liturgical Ministers on Sunday December 2, 2007. Father Doming asked that he be notified of any homebound parishioners who may need a visit from him and to receive a blessing and Communion.

There was a review of the Christmas/Advent services to include penance/reconciliation services on December 19 from 7 to 8:30pm with 5 priests attending.

Father Doming reviewed that OLP is in need of volunteers for the office to answer phones, doors, and perform bulletin inserts (on Friday afternoons) and assist in Christmas communications. Each ministry who has an insert for the bulletin should send someone to assist in inserting the communication into the bulletin. Father stressed we are in need of bi-lingual support. Rosemary suggested that perhaps we could use college students who are required to perform some community service. Rosemary agreed to be liaison to the college and attempt to get this program started for us.

The Archdiocese performed the parish audit in December. Father reviewed the policies the auditor explained on children protection, sexual harrassment, domestic violence, etc. If any child abuse is noted or even suspected, we are encouraged to notify the police of any suspicious abuse. If the parish needs a presentation on domestic violence or immigration issues, Catholic Charities will provide a presentation to us.

Father reviewed the corporate restructuring of the archdiocese into two supporting corporations..

5. Review and Vote on By-Laws Addendum

Revision to the Leadership section of the By-Laws will include a new second bullet:

- *In May of each year, nominations for the Executive Committee of the Pastoral Council will be made. A secret ballot will be held by the Pastoral Council and the results will be presented by the Pastor to the Council.*

All other addendums and changes were approved by the Council. All changes will be made to the document and redistributed to the Council.

6. Continuation of the discussion on the Brainstorming Action Items

- *Interaction of Multicultural Groups*

The Pastoral Council resumed discussions on the action item of how to improve the interaction of multi-cultural groups within the parish. The Parish Support Office in Archdiocese may be able to assist us. The Council of priest's meeting may be a vehicle for more information on how to improve interaction. Currently, Hospitality Sunday is a good vehicle for multi-cultural intermingling.

It was determined that the Pastoral Council will sponsor the International dinner. This dinner may be a vehicle to promote multi-cultural interactions. Kristin, Rosemary, and Jose will be responsible for organizing this dinner.

- *Improvements in Spirituality*

On January 5, 6, Father Tobin will be at all Masses for pre-Mission services. The Parish Mission will be held on February 3-6. The Pastoral Council will assist Father Tobin on preparing for this Mission. The question was asked and will be researched by Father Doming as to whether it is in English only.

7. Closing Prayer- Tim Iverson

The opening prayer at the January meeting will be given by Candace and the closing prayer by Kristin.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AGENDA

January 3, 2007

1. Opening Prayer – Candace Lilly (1 minute)
2. Roll Call – Kristin Sutro (2 minutes)
3. Review and Approve December Meeting Minutes – Kristin Sutro (2 minutes)
4. Pastor's Comments- Father Doming (10 minutes)
5. Preparation for Parish Mission in February (30 minutes)
6. Review of Brainstorming Action Items (40 minutes)
 - Improvements in Spirituality---Religious Education for our Children
7. Closing Prayer – Kristin Sutro (1 minutes)