

**St. Francis Parish Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 9, 2017, 6:00-8:00 pm; Brunsmann Hall**

   x Debbie Clingingsmith  
   X Dick Crippen  
   x Ann Dufour  
   exc Evelyn Fallon  
   x Darrin Greer

   x Margaret Healey, Chair  
   exc Tricia Helm  
   x Bob Knapik  
   x Bob Lavelle  
   x Dennis Mahoney

   x Jose Michel  
   exc Kent Meyers  
   x Penny Tafoya  
   x Bob Reid  
   x Fr. Des O'Reilly

**Welcome and Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Margaret.
- Attendance was confirmed by Margaret.

Opening prayer Bob Reid.

Reviewed and approved draft February minutes with no edits.

**Pastor's Remarks**

- Sanctuary Parishes
  - Some confusion about Bishop Soto's letter of supports regarding Immigrants.
  - Bishop's letter of Ash Wednesday expressed support and encouraged others to support immigrants.
  - Letter of March 6, clarified that Bishop was supporting Solidarity not Sanctuary at the individual parish level.
  - People are living in fear of being detained and deported with separation of families.
- First Sunday of the Month Collections – Father Des sought input about whether to change the 3 charities in the new year. Council recommended keeping the current 3 charities.
- Parish Retreat
  - Sr, Claire Graham, SSS, did the Lenten retreat at no charge.
  - Sr. Claire returned the donations collected during the retreat to the parish.
- Exterior Repairs – Waiting to complete other repairs and coordinate with school schedule.

**Parishioner Input**

- Elizabeth and Richard Ecks came to speak on support of Immigrants.
  - Interested in Bishop Soto's statements on supporting immigrants.
  - They were encouraged to find out what Area Congregations Together (ACT) is recommending for activities.
  - Encouraged them to check into what the Social Justice Committee is planning in support of immigrants

- Sacramento Foodbank is coordinating some activities.
  - They will explore those options.
- Patrice Clemmons – several people are meeting in small faith sharing groups.
  - Felipe Valverde – Parkways around the Parish
    - Felipe notified Dick C that the sprinklers in the parkways around the parish have been disconnected as they were leaking during the drought.
    - Exploring no water options for managing the parkways – possibly decomposed granite.
  - Bob Knapik reported that a nurse in the parish complained about the mold in the chapel.
    - Now that the valve has been fixed, the mold is being tested for toxicity and appropriate remedial measures.
    - Until the mold is dealt with, daily Mass will be in the main church with the chapel altar due to the smaller number of participants.

#### Reports and Updates:

- Finance Council Report (Dennis) –
  - Shared the updated Dunphy Fund Policy that will go to Finance Council soon.
  - A committee will be formed with Ann Dufour, Margaret Healey, Judy Miranda and Dennis Mahoney.
- Parish Council Election –
  - 5 vacant positions on the Council.
  - People who were scheduled to stand for re-election this year will serve an additional year.
  - Elections have usually occurred Pentecost weekend.
  - Nominees cannot collect ballots after Masses or help count ballots.
  - Council members will be asked to sign up for end of Mass announcements in May.
- School Liaison Report –
  - Jose M having trouble attending the CSAC meetings due to familial responsibilities.
  - One of the issues under review is the possibility of providing some of the school graduates with scholarships to Catholic High Schools.
- Buildings and Grounds – Bob Reid provided a copy of the pending and new issues for the Building and Grounds Committee.
- Pastoral Plan Committee Updates – Discussed whether plan needs update. Agreed that it would be best to wait until after elections in June.

- Faith Formation/Evangelization (Penny) – Current goals and objectives met. Need to be updated when the Faith Formation Director position is filled.
- Outreach (Dennis) - Continue to continue to explore opportunities for Parish Seniors to volunteer to do meaningful work with the students in the school.
- Liturgy/Spirituality (Bob K) – Bob asked that Beth White notify him of the schedule for Liturgy Committee meetings so he can attend and support their efforts.

10. Next meeting – Tuesday, May 9, 2017, Brunsman Hall (Addendum: April meeting cancelled.)

11. Closing prayer led by Bob Reid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Penelope Tafoya