

**St. Francis Parish Council (PC) Meeting  
Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
7:00 p.m., Brunsmann Hall**

<u>  x  </u>	Debbie Clingingsmith	<u>  x  </u>	Michelle Hernandez-Flores, chair	<u>  x  </u>	Jose Michel
<u>  x  </u>	Dick Crippen	<u>  x  </u>	Jean Iacino	<u>  x  </u>	Sam Palko
<u>  x  </u>	Evelyn Fallon	<u>  x  </u>	Ray Ibe	<u>  x  </u>	Penny Tafoya
<u>  exc  </u>	Tami Gutierrez	<u>  x  </u>	Bob Knapik	<u>  x  </u>	Fr. Ken Laverone, ofm
<u>  exc  </u>	Kala Haley	<u>  x  </u>	Dennis Mahoney	<u>  x  </u>	Fr. Sebastian Sandoval, ofm
<u>  x  </u>	Margaret Healey	<u>  x  </u>	Kent Meyers		

1. Welcome and Roll Call
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Michelle.
  - Attendance confirmed by secretary.
  
2. Opening prayer was led by Kent.
  
3. Review of agenda and approval of March minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made, seconded, and carried.
  
4. Parishioner Input
  - a. Letter to Bishop Soto was discussed. Parishioner input that letter was unfounded and unjust. No response is warranted back to the Bishop.
  - b. Cell Phones in Church
    - 1) A parishioner's cell phone went off three times during the 9:30 Mass on May 10. As a result of the disruption the cell phone caused, Fr. Sebastian made announcement during Mass to please turn off or place into silent mode all cell phones.
    - 2) A discussion took place and an announcement to turn off or silence all cell phones will be made before Mass begins.
  - c. Letter from parishioner was discussed about inviting pre-teens and teens to be more involved in liturgical ministries.
    - 1) This is part of the Pastoral Strategic Plan, and Fr. Ken will request the Liturgy Team to implement no later than September.
    - 2) Any teen who has been confirmed can be a youth acolyte along side an adult acolyte.
    - 3) School and non-school children can participate in the children's choir.
    - 4) This year the children's choir will perform three times: May 31, Catholic Schools Week, and in the fall possibly as a tie in for the canonization of Junipero Serra.
    - 5) Parish Council requests quarterly EM training sessions for pre-teens and teens. High School grade students for adult masses and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for school mass.

5. Pastor Remarks

a. Quinceañeras

- 1) There have been periodic requests for Quinceañeras. Connie Laborin will be doing the catechesis for girls whose families are parishioners.
- 2) They will be held four times a year and are to be simple. No limousines, no bridal dresses.
- 3) Skip Bacon is willing to take this under her wing.

b. Cultural Celebrations

- 1) Our parish has a large number of Filipinos , Hispanic, and African parishioners.
- 2) Parishioners from the above groups will be asked to be involved in liturgy planning for next year.
- 3) Plans are to celebrate, as a parish, the feast of Guadalupe and also to celebrate feast days for other cultures.

c. Sunday music will be included in the Sunday bulletin instead of separate sheets.

d. Ceiling repair - An estimate for repair of the ceiling is \$500,000. Joe Prassa is requesting that the contractor give an estimate of what it would cost to do only necessary repairs. This would be less expensive than doing the entire ceiling. The peeling on the ceiling was due to improper prep work before the last time it was repaired. The canvas part can wait until a later date.

e. Installation of LED lights and air conditioning will take place during the summer break.

f. Sensor's are planned to be installed at the side doors of the church. When a person enters the church, this will turn on the "day" lights.

g. There are bids to re-plaster and paint the outside buildings for the entire parish campus. Work on the church will begin in 2016. The school will begin during the summer break of 2017.

h. Baptismal Font and Reconciliation Room

- 1) Jean Iacino will be leading the Baptismal Font project.
- 2) Reconciliation room will be remodeled with sound proofing and glass doors which will replace the current wrought iron doors. Fr. Ken will be leading this project.
- 3) Bequest committee is working on policies for bequests.

6. Budget

a. The budget had a deficit of \$182,000 until it was trimmed down. It is now \$800 in the black.

- 1) The guards, with the exception of the Steps Ministry, will cease in the future.
- 2) Four parishioners at each mass will provide security after in service training. These parishioners will be trained by a parishioner who has security guard experience.

b. Income has gone up. More specific details will be at the June 8 Parish Council meeting. Announcement will be in the bulletin inviting parishioners to attend the meeting.

7. Catholic Legislative Network

a. A discussion took place regarding Bishop Soto's request that we ask parishioners to join the CLN on Life and Dignity Sunday June 27/28.

8. Pastoral Plan Update
  - a. Michelle asked if Dropbox was working out okay for updating the Pastoral Plan. Some council members couldn't access Dropbox. Michelle will ask Fran Anderson to look into this. Council members should try accessing Dropbox before the June meeting.
  - b. Reports need to be updated on a quarterly basis. If there is nothing new to report, enter "No Updates" along with the entry date.
9. Parish Council Elections
  - a. Five open seats. Two of them are current parish council members running for a second term.
  - b. Michelle encouraged council members to make an extra effort to ask parishioners if they are interested in joining.
10. Evelyn led the closing prayer.
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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