

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2016 - 7:00 pm; Brunsman Hall

<u>Exc</u> Debbie Clingingsmith	<input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Healey, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Jose Michel
<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Crippen	<input type="checkbox"/> Tricia Helm	<input type="checkbox"/> Samara Palko
<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Dufour	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Knapik	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Tafoya
<input type="checkbox"/> Darrin Greer	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Lavelle	<input type="checkbox"/> Fr. Ken Laverone, OFM
<input type="checkbox"/> Tami Gutierrez	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Mahoney	<input type="checkbox"/> Fr. Sebastian Sandoval, OFM
<input type="checkbox"/> Evelyn Fallon	<input type="checkbox"/> Kent Meyers	

- Welcome and Roll Call
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Margaret.
 - Attendance was confirmed by Margaret.

- Interactive opening prayer was prepared by Kent Myers.

- Review of agenda and approval of March 2016 minutes. Penny Tafoya motioned to approve the minutes with correction was made, seconded by Kent Myers. Motion was carried.

- Parishioner Input
 - 1) From parishioner John Berger present at the meeting: as an FYI, John presents a report from his prayer group that they offer prayers of gratitude for the Franciscan Sisters for their service to the parish and that they are planning a day of appreciation in Brunsman Hall tentatively after Mass on October 9, 2016 after the noon Mass. They are encouraged to include all other congregations of Sisters in the diocese. This date is in conflict with the parish planning of the celebration of the feast of St. Francis. John will try to move his celebration to October 16. Sam Palko offered kudos and willingness to work with John in this matter.
 - 2) Kent Myers is putting together a group workshop to recognize the Franciscan Sisters – not a celebration but a gathering of historical data...telling the stories of the sisters. This workshop has a tentative date in May 2016. Fr. Ken acknowledges that the Sisters' presence in Sacramento has been profound in terms of teaching and hospitals and healthcare.

- 3) Jose Michel: a parishioner states they are aware of the “deaf ministry” with three different interpreters – each would prefer the 9:30 Mass because of the acoustics in the church. Fr. Ken recommends they contact Todd Lamar (sp), director of the diocesan deaf ministry to make that change. As a parish, it does not matter which Mass they choose.
- 4) Bob Knapik: the “church cleaning” ministry found broken candle holders. Per Fr. Ken, it is not unusual for people to bring their own candles which burn really hot and easily breaks the glass. This has been a prior concern – there’s a sign already to not bring “own candles” but the sign is not always successful. The other alternative would be to use electronic votive lights – but that is a negative.
- 5) Jean Iacino, as chair of the “font committee” reports that the committee does not have a consensus for the design of the font. Jean would like another viewing of the design with the committee and the parish council. Comments from the council and Fr. Ken were made regarding: a) the weight of the design - structurally, it can be done; b) the water pump itself will remain in the current place in the basement; c) having a “bowl or no bowl;” d) the material and colors; e) from Carol Spinella, infant baptism coordinator indicates consideration to the placement of the bowl; f) finance. Jean recommends as possible next steps: a meeting with the font committee and the parish council and arrive at a solution. g) still basic things need to be done: i) need exact design before a bid can be obtained; ii) has to pass the diocesan liturgical committee; iii) has to pass the diocesan finance council.
- Pastor’s remarks:
 - The renovation of the reconciliation room is almost finished. A large crystal chandelier was found - it will be cleaned and installed in the reconciliation room.
 - When a new pastor comes in he can keep or dismiss the current finance and pastoral council. For this reason, we will not have May elections. The budget will undoubtedly stay as is. Judy Miranda works out the budget.
- Transition: a) The diocesan personnel board has not met at the time of our meeting. Chances are, the new pastor is not ready to be announced. b) Some suggestions for more parish meetings be held. c) Recommend a prayerful grief support service for the parish people. As soon as the new pastor is announced, Fr. Ken will recommend that he attend a Franciscan Pilgrimage program in Rome.

- For next meeting:
 - I. approval of the budget
 - II. suggestions from Kent Myers: *Concern from parishioners about military service tribute being taken down without notice; *New volunteers to fix kneelers; *Question of a “Memorial for Gifts & Bequests” after someone’s death. Kent will present an idea.

- Next meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 2016 -

- Closing prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.