

**St. Francis Parish Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 23, 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

exc 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

1. Welcome and Roll Call
  - o Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Margaret.
  - o Attendance was confirmed by Margaret.
2. Opening prayer Bob Reid. Knapik
3. Reviewed and approved draft February minutes with no edits.
4. Pastor's Remarks
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
  - o Exterior Repairs – Waiting to complete other repairs and coordinate with school schedule.
5. Parishioner Input
  - o 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.
6. Reports and Updates:
- Finance Council Report (Dennis) –
    - Shared the updated Dunphy Fund Policy that will go to Finance Council soon.
    - A committee was formed to manage the donations. Committee members are: Judy Miranda, Margaret Healey, Ann Dufour, and Dennis Mahoney,
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  - 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