

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 11, 2015, 7:00 pm; Brunsman Hall

<u>x</u> Debbie Clingingsmith	<u>x</u> Margaret Healey, Chair	<u>x</u> Jose Michel
<u>x</u> Dick Crippen	<u>x</u> Tricia Helm	<u>exc</u> Sam Palko
<u>x</u> Ann Dufour	<u>exc</u> Bob Knapick	<u>x</u> Penny Tafoya
<u>x</u> Darrin Greer	<u>x</u> Bob Lavelle	<u>x</u> Fr. Ken Laverone, ofm
<u>exc</u> Tami Gutierrez	<u>x</u> Dennis Mahoney	<u>x</u> Fr. Sebastian Sandoval, ofm
<u>exc</u> Kala Haley	<u>x</u> Kent Meyers	

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

1. Opening prayer was led by Jose.

2. Review of agenda and approval of July minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made, seconded, and carried.

3. Parishioner Input
 - Penny expressed concern that the left handrail leading down the stairs in Brunsman Hall remains loose, and the wheelchair lift is broken and cannot be operated. General discussion was held. A part on the wheelchair lift is bent and cannot be repaired as it was installed before ADA and is no longer up to code. Additional concern: current lift has no emergency switch. Options are being explored.

1. Pastor Remarks
 - 100 tickets were granted to the Sacramento Diocese for the papal visit to Washington, D.C. to canonize Junipero Serra on September 23, 2015. St. Francis Parish and School were granted 10 tickets. Three are already assigned, the remainder will be granted on a first come first serve basis. The event will be simulcast on a large screen in the church. Fr. Ken will read the biography of Fr. Serra. A block of hotel rooms were reserved in Washington, D.C. for those who wish to travel on their own.

 - Fr. Ken thanked everyone who helped put together the farewell activities for Deborah and Sr. Peggy. Their positions are not yet filled, and options for full or part-time replacements are still being explored. Beth White has been appointed as the interim Liturgical Director for a 3-month period. Sr. Peggy has prepared the music through the end of September.

- School begins on August 19. The air-cooling system – two large whole-building fans—has been installed and awaits inspection. A large mural has been painted throughout the main hallway, spanning the 3 floors. One additional teacher is still needed, and enrollment is good. The new Superintendent of Schools met with the principals regarding governance, but the 11 diocese schools anticipate keeping the status quo.
1. Grief Support Update
 - Ann contacted former grief support ministers who are interested in returning. Ann will lead the effort to re-establish this ministry. There will be session lasting 4 weeks several times a year, and they will be advertised in the bulletin.
 1. General discussion was held about the location of Parish Council Meetings and the Parish phone system. Interest was expressed in having an automated answering system so callers who already know the extension they want would be able to bypass the secretary.
 2. Jose led a lively discussion of Chapter 5 of “St. Francis of Assisi and his Conversions”. Next month, Kent will lead the discussion of Chapter 6.
 3. Pastoral Plan Update: all Parish Council Members have been assigned to one or more committees. Each committee should be prepared to report on the status of their activities at the September 1 meeting.
 4. Pending Items:
 - Next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2015
 - Ann will lead opening and closing prayers, and Kent will lead the discussion of Chapter 6
 - All Parish Council members are encouraged to attend the Welcome Brunch on Sunday, 8/23/15.
 - The Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2015. Parish Council members are encouraged to attend, wearing their nametags!

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.