

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes

March 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Attending: Fr. Danny, Melissa Pakurar, Katie Johnson, Tim Malone, Rachel Watson, Mally Mason, Angel Martinez

Absent: George Minson, Cathy Laskowski, Dixie Favale

Opening prayer: Tim Malone – Our Lady of Guadalupe

May 2020 meeting minutes approved with no changes.

Parish Financial Review

Tim reviewed the highlights of the 2nd Quarter Financial Report Melissa emailed to everyone and will be posted on the parish website. Tim asked about the Food Pantry donations & what was being done with the “extra” funds. Katie expressed her gratitude, on behalf of the Food Pantry, and explained the Food Pantry is self-sustaining with operating costs. The “extra” funds that are being donated are being used to purchase additional food. The Food Pantry currently depends on a referral from CCHASM. Over the past few years the referrals have not been as robust as we can handle. The Food Pantry can handle approximately 10 families per day. Since the referrals from CCHASM have declined the Food Pantry now received referrals from the FeedMore. Racheal asked what happens to the food that is being donated. Katie explained that if we do not have a lot of families scheduled that day the families that are scheduled receive additional food. If there is an overabundance that needs to be given out that day and still have leftovers even after all families are served, then we donate to other food banks in the area to ensure the food is not going to waste or spoiling. Katie stated the Food Pantry may expand its hours once the construction is complete, if needed. Tim asked how the Food Pantry will be utilizing the additional space that is being built. Katie answered the additional space will improve storage and usage capacity. Tim asked if the construction had impacted the Food Pantry’s ability to serve their clients. Katie answered, “no, that the current set up in the school building is actually better and has worked out very well for the Food Pantry volunteers and its clients.”

New Kitchen Construction

Tim asked how the construction was coming along with the new kitchen. Melissa explained we are moving along. Fr. Danny, Jim Furr and Melissa all met and gave final selections in February. Estimated time for completion is sometime early spring. Tim suggestions and proposed we have a celebration once completed but asked the PPC for suggestions. Rachel suggested an “Open House” so everyone could come and look at with sign up and then something bigger later when restrictions are lifted. Mally agreed with this idea and Katie suggested adding a blessing as well. Melissa agreed with the open house/tour and also suggested we move up the parish picnic and perhaps have the celebration outside. Melissa suggested to set teams up to train the different ministries on the use of the new equipment in the kitchen. Fr. Danny suggested to get on the Bishop’s calendar to set up the blessing of the new kitchen and Food Pantry. Tim agreed with Fr. Danny. Katie suggested to have the blessing on 7/26/2021, the Feast Day of St. Ann. George asked what the plans were for the old kitchen. Melissa suggested to turn the old kitchen into storage space for our ministries. All agreed but before anything is done Fr. Danny and Melissa will present to staff for their input also. Fr. Danny advised PPC that if the remodel was agreed upon by staff as well, that the money to remodel/demolish would have to be raised.

Capital Projects

Tim asked for PPC to prioritize the current capital projects & to come up with an estimate for each project. Mally Rachel and Tim all agreed to the order of the capital projects:

1. Baptismal Font
2. Repair/repaint sanctuary
3. Gut and remodel old kitchen

Fr. Danny thanked everyone for their patience during this past year and closed with Prayer.

Next meeting scheduled - TBD