

San Clemente Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 18 August 2007

Reports to the council:

William O'Leary, San Clemente Parish director of religious education, presented information on the parish religious education program and its current and future needs (Appendix 180807 A). His report included that with approximately 400 students (children and adults) making up 26 different classes, the current parish hall's available classrooms are completely full Sunday through Wednesday of each week. He believes that as the population of Los Lunas continues to grow, so too will the number of religious education students. The parish hall also is sought for use as a meeting space throughout the week or for special events for at least 13 additional current and proposed ministries, as well as by addiction support groups.

Father Douglas Mitchell, San Clemente Parish pastor, presented his ideas for construction to accommodate the needs and growth. He envisions a two-story, 12-classroom religious education building with space for a parish preschool, and a parish hall twice the size of what is currently available that can be divided into meeting rooms. He believes this construction can be accommodated by the current church property.

Brenda Sais, San Clemente Parish family life coordinator, provided the parish survey to be given to parishioners after the homily at the 25 August 2007 masses. She hoped to gain insight into the needs of the parish to better serve its members. (Appendix 180807 B)

Lisa Bockisch, a homeschooling parishioner, presented plans to start a parish homeschooling group that would be specifically Catholic. Members of the group would help each other in academics as well as celebrate the liturgical year together through their lessons, and attend daily mass and adoration. Father Doug said a goal would be to have a dedicated room for homeschooling families in the new religious education building with a library of materials.

A St. Mary's School (Belen) Booster Club was discussed. The group would promote St. Mary's at San Clemente and be an information resource to parishioners interested in learning more about the school. Melissa Sais, council secretary and St. Mary's parent, will implement the idea.

Mary McCloskey brought up that San Clemente is not listed in the local

Chamber of Commerce's Welcome to Los Lunas flyer. She was assigned to contact the chamber and give them our listing.

Father Doug is to provide the council with a policy on criteria for determining active membership in the parish.

Actions by the council:

The council amended and adopted the Pastoral Council Mission Statement proposed by Mary McCloskey. Motion to adopt was made by Ron Mucher and seconded by Brian Byrne. The statement is as follows:

The Mission of the Pastoral Council of San Clemente Parish is to know and accommodate the needs of the community and uphold the teachings of the Holy Roman Catholic Church in obedience to the Holy Father. In sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure, and living values of integrity, caring and stewardship, we will serve and build community. Through evangelization we will promote the Sacramental Life of the Church in order to lead all to eternal salvation.

Council reviewed initial information on establishing a constitution and by-laws. All council members were assigned to review sample documents and draft suggestions to present at September meeting (Appendix 180807 C).

New business:

Council President Ronnie Sinclair noted the need to replace council member Mark Leonard, as he had been accepted into the diaconate program and must devote much time to it, and member Brenda Sais, as she is now a member of the parish staff. It was suggested that replacements include someone with historical ties to the parish. Gloria Trujillo suggested Jerry Sais Sr. Brian Byrne suggested Jim and Priscilla Armer. Father Doug planned to send letters to those parishioners.

Announcements:

Marcus Grodi to speak at San Clemente on 14 and 15 September. Council members encouraged to attend and get the word out.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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