

## **San Clemente Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of 22 September 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the San Clemente Parish Pastoral Council was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on 22 September 2007.

In attendance were Fr. Douglas Mitchell, President Ronnie Sinclair, Secretary Melissa Sais, Theresa Baca, Walter Baca, Bernie Bockisch, Ralph Chavez, Donna Hickman, Emil Kiehne, Linda Mucher, Ron Mucher, Dorothy Platte, Chuck Rumschlag, Jerry Sais Sr., Joaquin Sisneros, Rachel Sisneros, Gloria Trujillo and Eric Zamora.

Those absent were Jim Armer, Priscilla Armer, John Bieri, Rita Bieri, Lisa Bockisch, Brian Byrne, Jennifer Byrne, Miguel Campos, Frank Chavez, Jim Lardner, Mary McClosky, Annette Perales, Matthew Torres, Terri Torres, Rita Vessey and Tom Vessey.

The minutes of the 18 August 2007 were approved by the council.

### **Reports to the council:**

#### *Youth and Family Life Programs*

Brenda Sais, youth and family life programs director, reported (Appendix 220907 A) that the current youth programs for 7th through 12th graders serve a total of about 35 kids and teens and their current space needs are being met by the north wing of the parish hall. With the construction of a new parish hall, youth programs would like to have a dedicated “Youth Room” or “Teen House” so that the programs and their activities could remain set up at all times. Currently, they must set up and take down before and after each meeting because the space is used for other purposes. A basketball-type gym for sports and other activities is also on their wish list for the new construction.

Brenda also reported that the Young Adult ministry and other Family Life programs being developed will need meeting space and space for social activities, which she believes a gym or other large meeting room could accommodate.

#### *Parish Survey 2007 Results*

Brenda also presented a portion of the 2007 San Clemente Parish Survey

Results (Appendix 220907 B). She will have the completed results with all the written comments to the council at the October meeting. The parish saw a response of 1,053 surveys which generally indicated a positive attitude toward what the parish is currently doing. Staff and the council will have the opportunity to use the survey to weigh future decisions.

#### *Active Parish Membership Policy*

Father Douglas Mitchell presented the San Clemente Parish Policy on Active Membership in the Parish (Appendix 220907 C). This policy is used in determining whether a person is an active member in the parish for the purposes of receiving or participating in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation and to qualify for the Catholic school subsidy.

#### *St. Mary's Booster Club*

Melissa Sais reported that St. Mary's Principal Gail Fortna accepted the idea of a San Clemente St. Mary's Booster Club to be an information resource for current San Clemente-St. Mary's families and prospective families. Melissa planned to send letters to San Clemente-St. Mary's families to gauge interest. Gloria Trujillo suggested that it be an all Catholic Schools Booster Club. It then grew to include those interested in developing the idea of a local Catholic High School. Ron Mucher expressed interest in the Catholic High School effort.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

Discussion began on the constitution. Name selected for the organization was San Clemente Parish Pastoral Council. Membership of 25 suggested with two-year terms and a second term available by consent of the member and pastor.

Chuck Rumschlag moved to have Fr. Doug draft the constitution and bring it back to the council for discussion and approval. Donna Hickman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Melissa Sais and Donna Hickman volunteered to assist Fr. Doug in preparing the draft constitution.

Suggestions for the drafters included:

Membership: Registered member 18 years of age, younger considered if active in ministry

Council "should" include representative from various ministries

Ex-officio, non-voting members: Deacons, Beverly

Member of Finance Council to be member of pastoral council  
Meetings opened to the parish; meeting schedule published; must be on agenda  
if wish to speak  
25-30 members, 2 year-terms plus additional 2 year option  
Officers: President and secretary. President-elect?

Ron Mucher moved the meeting be adjourned; Gloria Trujillo seconded the  
motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at about 11:10 a.m.

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