

San Clemente Pastoral Council Meeting 23 February 2008

February council meeting called to order with prayer at about 9 a.m.

In attendance at the February council meeting were Fr. Douglas Mitchell, Secretary Melissa Sais, Theresa Baca, Walter Baca, John Bieri, Rita Bieri, Brian Byrne, Jennifer Byrne, Miguel Campos, Ralph Chavez, Donna Hickman, Emil Kiehne, Mary McClosky, Linda Mucher, Annette Perales, Dorothy Platte, Jerry Sais, Joaquin Sisneros, Gloria Trujillo, and Eric Zamora.

Those absent were Jim Armer, Priscilla Armer, Bernie Bockisch (n), Ron Mucher, Chuck Rumschlag, Ronnie Sinclair (n), Rachel Sisneros (n), Matthew Torres (n), Rita Vessey (n), and Tom Vessey (n,. [n=notified council of planned absence.]

Fr. Doug reported that parish ACA pledges and participation were down and that the amount pledged is likely only enough to cover our obligation to the archdiocese. Pledges were received from 330 families out of 1,400 active registered families. Typically 80 percent of the pledges are filled. We received \$68,000 in pledges, 80 percent of which is \$54,400. Our obligation to the archdiocese is \$55,000. If we don't meet the goal, we may have to dip into parish savings.

Later in the meeting, Jerry Sais suggested a second-round appeal. It was pointed out that there were many people missing from mass that weekend as it was Super Bowl Sunday. It was decided that Fr. Doug would put a letter in the bulletin and speak to the parish about the shortfall and have tables staffed by council members after masses on March 8 and 9 and March 15 and 16 to provide or collect envelopes.

This larger issue of lack of participation by parish members in areas including lectors, majordomos, Eucharistic Ministers and in ACA campaign is likely to have implications for fundraising for coming building projects.

Donna Hickman attended a conference with exhibitors that included builders and presented catalogs of classroom furniture and modular buildings as ideas for building projects.

Melissa Sais reported that the Catholic Schools Booster Club would launch

with a Catholic Schools Information Fair March 1 and 2. Three schools were expected to participate.

Dorothy Platte presented a Senior Outreach pamphlet and reported that the ministry would sponsor a bus to Chimayo on March 25. Cost is \$25 per person.

Charity and Justice Subcommittee

Walter Baca reported the committee found the biggest needs in youth facilities, participation from the parish and St. Vincent de Paul's need for a permanent location. It was reported that Mr. Guggino had offer a \$1 a year lease of land near his business for St. Vincent de Paul, which has applied for two grants for construction and was meeting with the Village of Los Lunas concerning a building permit on Feb. 25, 2008. The committee was asked to write their recommendations in the format of the Archdiocesan plan.

Education Subcommittee

Brian Byrne reported that the group had not yet met, but did see that facilities and parent involvement will be issues to address. Preschool program also needs to be included under this committee. Committee was asked to use Charity and Justice work as a model.

Sacraments and Worship Subcommittee

Linda Mucher reported that this committee has met once a month since December discussing 12 areas. One of their focuses has been on how to raise awareness of the genuine meaning of the sacraments. See need for parent involvement.

Stewardship and Administration Subcommittee

No one in attendance to report. Will be tasked with raising consciousness of stewardship in parish.

Evangelization Subcommittee

Donna Hickman and Ronnie Sinclair reported ideas for welcoming new parishioners including a welcome packet, a meeting, introductions at mass, a church tour. Also suggested pew cards, door hangers and calling parishioners. Saw need for advertising in Valencia County News Bulletin, Yellow Pages, web site. Noted that Qwest has the religious ed number listed but not the parish office. Suggestions of a twice a year choir concert and community breakfasts as part of entertainment/hospitality outreach. Fr. Doug mentioned that the parish web site is being revamped by Lynette and Marcos Martinez.

Prayer and Spirituality Subcommittee

Joaquin Sisneros reported that one area the committee didn't feel was being addressed was the parish providing access to different forms of prayer. Fr. Doug said ours has tended to be a conservative parish and that reaction from parish to new forms has not been positive.

All subcommittees were to have a draft of their work done by Easter for compilation by Melissa and Fr. Doug.

Meeting adjourned after prayer at about 11:10 a.m.

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