

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Minutes for Pastoral Council Meeting, 13 December 2018

Present:

Fr. Patrick Ebner
Karin Kennedy
Pat Lippincott
Joe Pangelinan
Hector Flores
Gerry Green
Edith Natividad
Fred Williams
Alberto Castillo
Teresa Gorres

Meeting called to order: 6:09 PM

Opening prayer by Fr. Patrick

Approval of the minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting of 18 October 2018:

Time was taken for members to read and review the minutes.

Pat moved that the minutes be approved as written, Alberto seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

Electronic Marquee - Fr. Patrick was able to get a satisfactory bid and moved forward with ordering a new electronic marquee from Stewart Signs. The manufacture of the sign will take approximately 6-8 weeks. Fr. Patrick stated that the needed permit was approved and an installer was arranged, since installation was not included. A concern was raised if the sign company was an established company likely to be around if any warranty service was needed. Fr. Patrick confirmed the company as a leader in church signs with an established record. The consensus of the discussion was that the new sign would be a welcome improvement.

Youth Group - Edith and Teresa reported that over 30 youths had registered at the 10:30 AM mass on December 9th and that on the following weekend the Youth Group will be caravanning to Burnet to visit the Main Street Bethlehem and a pot luck is planned. Teresa mentioned wanting to use Flocknote for communication with the Youth Group and their parents. She asked about having Flocknote use mentioned early in the year at least during announcements.

Flu season - Fr. Patrick reported that the diocese still has the suspension of distributing Communion under both forms on hold, but he is tracking flu activity.

New Business:

Acknowledgements at the end of Mass - Fr. Patrick spoke about changing acknowledgements to once a month on the first weekend. On the other weekends the Deacon would only acknowledge visitors and that would be done at the beginning of mass. Also, it will be asked that applause be held to the end of each category. The consensus of the discussion was that this would be a good change. Fr. Patrick encouraged prayer that this change will be welcomed, and for Pastoral Council members to report feedback on this change.

EMHC absentees and dress code - Fr. Patrick reinforced the wearing of appropriate attire and being present in a timely manner. The crosses should all be distributed no later than 10 minutes before Mass. Fr. Patrick also announced that for Holy Days of Obligation Communion will only be distributed under the form of the hosts. As provided in CCC 1374 those receiving Communion will not be missing out. More EMHC training will be scheduled early in the new year. Alberto mentioned that issue had also been discussed at the Knights of Columbus meeting. Fr. Patrick encouraged continued prayers for the building up of reverence for the Eucharist.

Gerry asked about mention being made in the bulletin or during announcements about the Christmas Card box, Karin stated that it would be mentioned in the announcements.

Alberto brought up having a ramp built on the Kempner side to accommodate those with mobility issues that prefer to park on that side and use that entrance. Discussion touched on that the need had not been previously identified since adequate access is available on the other side. Fr. Patrick stated he was not opposed to adding such a ramp if it was feasible and there is enough room on that side. The general feeling was that if needed it would be a good addition. Alberto will look into if there is adequate space and the feasibility and report back to the council so it can be further considered.

Alberto also reported on the efforts of the Knights of Columbus to raise funds for winter coats for those in need at schools and in the community. \$1400 was raised and 84 coats were given to those in need. Gerry added that some used coats had also been given out at My Brother's House. There was some discussion about identifying community resources to partner with in the distribution of coats. Fr. Patrick stated that if the Knights of Columbus wanted to start their efforts earlier to advise him.

Next meeting date/time was selected as 17 January 2019, at **6 PM**.

The meeting was closed at 6:51 PM with the praying of the Glory Be.