

ST. ATHANASIUS
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:
May 27, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin, Peter, Gustavo, Mildred, Eleanor, Fr. Oscar, Aaron, Robert, Mabel, Jose Luis, Doris, Deacon Leonel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jenniffer, Fr. Stasys

GUESTS: Beth Sukimoto, Phil Cosby

Approval of Minutes/Corrections: Approved (April)

1. Pastor's Report: (Fr. Oscar)

- March Security Incident Update: Still in process of looking for a button that will sound off rectory/office in case of emergency in chapel. Bought a surveillance camera. Sign indicating camera will be posted out of courtesy.
- Recommendations from Officer Steven McCoy from MV Police: Put up "no trespassing signs/violators will be prosecuted;" If you see anyone in skateboard area, call police, do not just tell them to leave; Install motion lights by portables; Trim shrubs to fence height; Install gates and lock them at night. Notify neighbors what hours they are open.
- "No Trespassing" does not sound welcoming coming from a church. Sends wrong message. (Kevin)
- "School private property" sign may be better. (Mildred)
- PC agreed lighting is a good idea.
- 8th graffiti incident: tool shed and dumpster. Same artist.
- Announcement made on May 16th, 22nd, and 23rd that Fr. Stasys will be leaving St. Athanasius and will become new parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth in Milpitas. He is applying for incardination into the Diocese of SJ which requires ministry with 2 parishes under 2 pastors over 5 years. We thank Fr. Stasys for his service here. Send-off reception is planned for June 20 spearheaded by Mabel, Rosa, and JPC.
- Farewell reception for Lucille and Alicia will be after 8:30 and 10:30 masses on June 6, 2010. Offering Counters and Finance Committee are sponsoring 8:30 reception and PC will sponsor 10:30 reception.
- Changes in parish: Bishop concerned with parish having just one priest but it help financial situation. Rosa and Mike will help run parishes. Commitments from some priests with two or three visiting priests will help. Mass stipends will be given. Fr. Oscar will preside all daily masses. Will need to have a paid book keeper since volunteer, Lucille, will be leaving. Will be published in bulletin this weekend.
- Financial consultant, David Bruce, has been meeting with parish staff. Presentations given May 29, May 30 after masses. (?) Town Hall meeting is scheduled for June 7. Results will be announced on June 26th.

2. Parishioners' Time: Coffee and Doughnuts (Phil)

- Haven't had Coffee and Doughnuts for over a year. PIA would like to reinstate it and will start it off. Planned for mid June after 10:30 Mass.
- PC agrees it is a good idea. Suggestion to involve ministries not in parish per se: Knights of Columbus; Tuesday Evening Prayer Group; Ethnic Groupings. A way to advertise and share about their ministry over doughnuts.
- Should have it at all masses (Peter)
- Group can sponsor any mass (Kevin)
- Deacon will talk to Monday Prayer Group, Grupo de Oracion, JPC. Fr Oscar will speak to Tuesday Prayer Group, Knights of Columbus, and Filipino Group.
- Suggestion to have it quarterly if monthly is too difficult. Calendar of all parish events would be helpful. (Beth)
- Possibility of having donation baskets.

3. Parish Festival Planning (Beth)

- On Track. Just need cooperation to sell tickets. 1000 books of raffle tickets were printed and 400 have been sold so far.
- Food booths all in place. County health department says we need screened-in booths when serving. Beth personally bought four food booths (screened gazebos) and will use them for festival. Food booths will run along Rengstorff where BBQ grill is.
- Steve from St. Joseph's giving us signs for booths and counters for booths. Counters have no legs. Made of pipes. Will also give us electric panel to work on and install somewhere so we can have power if we were ever to have festival at night. Anything that's given to us free should not be turn away.
- Prizes: Cusimano donated big screen, parishioners donated other prizes. Collecting little prizes for the children.
- Goal of raising \$10,000. If we sell all our raffle tickets we're halfway there.
- Entertainment/Activities: Young Irish Dancers; Magician; Clown; Hawaiian dancers; Face painting by Mabel; Knights of Columbus. Cannot have loud music. We can have boomboxes but not loudspeakers. Ok with city of Mountain View.
- Security: Jenniffer looking into private security company that St. Joseph uses.
- Everything will be done with tickets. Only Pan Game will have real money.
- Next meeting next Wednesday 6:30.
- Beth will write manual for festival.

4. Honoring Departing Volunteers and Fr. Stasys

- Fr. Stasys Farewell Reception: Mabel will organize with others. Planned for June 20th. June 27th Fr. Oscar will be out of town. Fr. Stasys on vacation June 13-19.
- Alicia/Lucille Reception: After 8:30 Mass sponsored by Financial Council and offering counters. After 10:30am sponsored by PC. Aaron will chair reception. Eleanor/Mildred/Aaron/Peter will donate some food. Perhaps recruit ABC to help Jose Luis will donate juice. Hall needs to be booked. Will send an email.

5. Recruiting for 2010-2011 Pastoral Council

- *Orientation:* 2 people came: John Barnes, Paula Mendoza. John is interested in PC but cannot commit for 3 years because he is going overseas in the coming year. Paula is willing to join. We did not have a discernment yet. Paula is will to talk with us but we haven't talked to Paula. Paula only candidate.
- Last year we had surplus. How do we get more candidates? Peter and Leo have some prospects. Robert can set up meeting/orientation in hall or rectory.

6. Report on Finance Plan & Town Hall Meeting

- *Town Hall Meeting-* Monday June 7th, 7:30PM. All PC members encouraged to attend. Will inform parishioners of changes. Will be conducted bilingually. Kevin to lead English portion and Mabel and Deacon Leonel will lead Spanish portion. Announcement will be made at the end of masses and in bulletin. Venue will be in vestibule or back of sanctuary.
- *Meeting will discuss:* Fr. Stasys will not be replaced after he leaves. Will take some financial pressure off as we try to gain financial stability. We hope to get a second priest when we become more financially comfortable. There will be a reshuffling of responsibilities and other changes. Keep it in the frame of transition from Holy Ghost Fathers. We also need to find out a long term solution to financial problems.
- Possibility raised of having a part-time priest or a resident priest who will help out with some masses.

7. Dance Update (Jose-Luis)

- Dance planned for May was cancelled.
- Jose-Luis was told by Rosa that prayer groups cannot offer help. More of postponement rather than a cancellation. PC thanks Jose-Luis for efforts.

8. New Business

- Gustavo would like permission to fix cracks in the parking lot in July or August. Hot pot will be rented. Gustavo will provide product. People are willing to help.
- There have been complaints that hedges have been cut too short.
- We will not have a staff member as part of the PC in the next fiscal year. Diocese does not like having staff in PC. Although it is currently not prohibited in the bylaws, we can put in a rule.

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010, 7:30PM, Rectory. Final meeting for fiscal year.
Potluck of finger foods.