

Pastoral Council Meeting May 22, 2005

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Fr. Steve O'Connor, President & Liturgy Advocate
Rod Echevarria, Chairperson
Anna Garner, Cultural/Special Events Advocate
Cathy Wilkey, Charity Advocate
Thomas Pileggi, Education Advocate
Dolores Osborne-Hensley, Fellowship Advocate
Rose Woodward, Vocations and Life Issues Advocate
Mary Ellen Mayer, Secretary

Members Absent: Claudia Finn, Spiritual Formation Advocate

Others Present: Gloria Echevarria, Alice McDonald, Carol Toler

Rose Woodward offered the opening prayer.

Reading of Minutes: Minutes are distributed in advance of the meetings. They were approved as prepared.

Old Business:

The parish picnic will be on October 16, 2005, from 4-8:00 pm. Fr. O'Connor would like parishioners to invite former members. Any parishioner who knows how to contact former members are encouraged to tell them of this "Homecoming" picnic, as this time will also celebrate 50 years of OLV. Please do so at your earliest convenience so that traveling plans may be arranged.

The date for the formal OLV 50th Anniversary party will be December 10, 2005.

The Diocese has chosen ten parishes to participate in the In Vision Survey. OLV is in this group of ten. The Paulist community will be heading the training classes which will run about six weeks. Four people from each of the ten parishes will be invited to attend. The location of this process is to be determined. Rod Echevarria will prepare a statement to the parish with the specific wish to address all those who attended the OLV Town Hall Meetings.

New Business:

Dolores Osborne-Hensley relayed verbal communication from Claudia Finn that she, Claudia, was unable to fulfill her post as Spiritual Formation Advocate. Claudia's written resignation will follow.

Two parishioners have agreed to manage the Sunday coffee and donut gathering. They are John and Chung Stockman. A motion was made to increase the weekly allowance for this program

from \$75 to \$150 per week. This increase will allow the menu to include items other than sweets. The motion passed.

It was suggested that perhaps a Sunday breakfast could be sponsored by a variety of OLV ministries. By alternating groups it is hoped that no one group would feel burdened by a monthly responsibility.

A meeting with Olan Mills representatives is set for July 21, 2005. This meeting will be to confirm the details of creating the new parish directory. At this time the projected dates for parishioner photos is September 6 through 10, 2005.

Having outgrown OLV hall, the Ladies Auxiliary hopes to move Bingo to the Knights of Columbus Hall. The council was asked if the L.A. would continue to receive the \$100 given quarterly by OLV to this program. The council was informed that it was Fr. Kelly who asked for the Bingo program and it was the Ladies Auxiliary that stepped up to fulfill his request. Discussion by the council concluded that Bingo was not an OLV sponsored program and that the donation to this program would cease.

With temperatures increasing, the comfort level for those gathered at weekend Masses seem to be decreasing. The habit of ushers opening doors for those attending will end. Ushers will be directed to plan their greetings away from the door and open one on an as needed basis, i.e.; physically challenged parishioners. It is believed that by minimizing the time door is open will allow the AC to maintain a more comfortable temperature. Doors will no longer be blocked open at the end of Mass. There was also discussion of closing the small vestibule with interior doors to assist with temperature control.

Each Advocate will provide Rod Echevarria a written report prior to the council meeting. This will allow him to prioritize these reports for the agenda.

Work for a new 26 gauge metal roof is scheduled. Following the job completion, the hall bathrooms will be renovated. A handicapped toilet will be installed.

The day of the week CCD is held will be moved from Sunday to Wednesday. CCD will start two weeks prior to Labor Day.

The time of Mass on Wednesday evening may be moved from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. It is believed that the time change will allow day workers a better opportunity to attend.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2005 at 7:00pm in the church conference room, since the hall has been committed for another function.

Tom Pileggi offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.