

**Ss. Maria and Isidore Torribia Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 6:30 pm  
St. Joseph's, Campbell

Members Present: Fr. Pat Connor, Deacon Doug Farwell, Peter Olausson, Suzanne Krebs, Anna Bauer, Nicolette Butler, Kathy Bailey, Theresa White, Roger Parulski, Mark Houck, Greg Cacace, Arthur Jones,

Members Absent: Kevin Krebs, Joseph Crance

Others Present: Karen Rinefierd – Resource, Planning Consultant for Diocese of Rochester

I. Welcome / Introductions / Organization

- Opening Prayer – Father Pat led an opening prayer in honor of St. Anthony of Padua (feast day).
- Kathy Bailey recorded minutes.

II. Questions / Thoughts / Input since last meeting

- There still seems to be some misinformation floating around regarding issues we are facing. How do we address it? We had hoped people would come to the meetings to get information. This committee is committed to being transparent in trying to revitalize our parish.
- People seem to be afraid that we are trying to close a worship site. We want to ease fears; we are doing our best to try to keep all of our worship sites open. We are one parish, so all three worship sites are in this together. Closing one site is not the solution.
- Our focus is to revitalize our parish community. Although our financial situation appears to be the biggest looming issue, improving our parish community to boost attendance, involvement, and spiritual needs goes hand in hand with creating a thriving parish.
- We need to try to respond to and acknowledge all comments.
- The CMA is still confusing to some parishioners. Some are confusing it with the Parish Appeal. These are different fund drives.

III. Mass Schedules / Scenarios / Discussion

- Reviewed the mass schedule process. Karen distributed compiled lists of the Advantages (Pros) and Disadvantages (Cons) of the Three Possible Weekend Mass Schedules. This feedback came from this committee and parish input. These will be turned over to Father Pat and the Parish Council as they make their decision on the mass schedule. We are thankful for all of the input from those that took the time to respond.
- Some are still advocating for the 35-minute mass with no singing, etc.
- The Parish Council Meeting is on June 23 @ 6:00 to decide on the mass schedule. Council will need to decide how to proceed for discussion at that meeting, as well as when the new schedule will start (if there is a change from the current schedule), how to publicize the results, etc.
- They will need some lead time before the new schedule is instituted.
- Planning Committee also reviewed the comments compiled from the responses that went beyond the mass schedule discussion.

#### IV. Goals / Action Steps

- The Committee reviewed the Goals set at the previous meeting.
- Discussion about the Stewardship Campaign goal. Is it wise to start a stewardship campaign on the heels of the CMA and Parish Appeal? What does a stewardship campaign entail?
  - Parishes in our area that have completed stewardship campaigns have been successful.
  - It is important to realize that stewardship is NOT simply monetary contributions, but realizing that contributions involve Time, Talents, and Treasure.
  - We really need more education and awareness of what is needed to keep our parish vital.
  - There are many ways to be involved in our parish community.
  - Some of the key concerns are always timing and how to get others (fresh faces) involved.
  - Would it be better to do a Stewardship Fair (maybe in February or at the Parish Picnic) in place of a Stewardship Campaign? Another possibility is a Ministry Fair.
- Work Time: The Committee broke into groups to work on each goal and its action steps; adding details and updates; making any needed revisions.

#### V. Planning Committee Going Forward

- What does this committee need to focus on over the next few months?
- What is due to the Bishop in October?
  - We will have to make some sort of recommendation to the Bishop, but what that is remains to be seen. It depends on where we are with the financial situation and attendance numbers. We will also have to look at the future projections and the budget forecasts. Are the implemented changes helping to increase our attendance/involvement/finances?
- We have areas to celebrate and some where we still have a lot of work to do.
  - One plus side is that we only need to make up approximately \$5,200.00 for the CMA shortfall, which is better than previous years.
  - Also, there has been a good initial response for our Parish Appeal to help replenish some of our depleted resources, though we still have a long way to go.
  - We still need to increase our Weekend Collections to \$5700 each week consistently to fund our operating expenses. These have improved, but we are not there yet.

#### VI. Next Meeting

- Next Planning Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 6:30 pm at St. Joe's.

#### VII. Closing

- Closing Prayer - Our Father
- Meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Bailey