**Holy Family Church**

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 18, 2015**

**Members Present:** Ed Panconi, Cambria Tortorelli, Tina Tran, Phil Argento, Ramon Barreras, Hayden Claisse, John Cloud, Helen Condit, Candy Krueger, Jay Krueger, Bill Lewis, Maxine Liggins, Mary Schimmoller

**Members Absent:** David Sanchez, Annette Ramos

**Opening Pray:** Ed Panconi

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from Oct. 28, 2015 were approved as read.

**PLD/ Parish Update:** Cambria Tortorelli reported that Parish financials are good. The Fair revenue was up $4,000.00 over last year. Sponsorship and raffle sales contributed to the revenue increase. The Parish just had their yearly Stewardship request that included a video at all Masses and pledge cards. The response to the pledge cards was 50% better from the previous year. Fr. Bob's health is improving and he is recuperating at home. Fr. Dennis will return in January for assistance with Masses.

**Worship Commission:** Ramon Barreras spoke on the Pope's "Year of Mercy" and how we at Holy Family may perform our own "Year of Mercy". Ramon showed a video that connected Holy Family to "Year of Mercy". The goal of the Worship Commission is to have parishioners tell the parish their individual Mercy Story. This year will include prayers of Mercy at the Masses. Ramon demonstrated how we can place a Holy Family App on our cell phones. The App with constantly be updated for the "Year of Mercy". Directions for placing the App on your phone maybe found on the Holy Family website. In the vestibule will be "Comeback" cards. These are designed to help find and bring back people to the church, who may have stopped attending services. The Worship Commission will be doing a major push for Reconciliation week Dec. 5-6. This will be the kickoff for "The Year of Mercy".

**Planning/Visioning/Administration:** Hayden Claisse continued his surveys with the Council to help get ideas, goals, and strategies for the future 15 year plan for Holy Family Church and School. Hayden presented updated charts from the previous meeting that showed the top suggestions from the Council for: internal strengths, internal weaknesses, external opportunities, and external threats (competition). These list will help determine what areas will be worked on to produce a 15 year future plan for HFC. From each list Council members again were asked to add any suggestion to those already listed. Once the 4 list were final a rating system was use to determine the top 5 topics on each list. Each member was given 20 points to use to rate what they felt were the most import items in each category. They could give all 20 to just one topic or spread their points to other topics depending on what they felt had the most weight in importance for the 15 year plan. Once everyone wrote their points on the topics on each chart the points were totaled and the 5 top topics in each category were found. The following top 5 topics were:

Internal Strengths:

1. Lay Leadership and Involvement

2. High Quality Liturgies

3. Consistent Financial Support

4. Feel a Welcoming Mood at Mass and Parish Events

5. School Reputation/Results: Academic, Sports, Religious

Internal Weaknesses:

1. Volunteer Fatigue

2. Mnsgr. C Retirement- Homily Vacuum To Be Filled

3. Lay Leadership Development Process Lacking

4. Lack Lay leadership Speakers At Mass

5. Lack of Family Based Religion Activities

External Opportunities:

1. Family Spiritual Ministry

2. Popularity of Pope Francis

3. Evangelization Activities- Draw People To Events

4. Visual Leadership for Recognition and Promotion

5. Outreach To Young Adults

External Threats:

1. Lack Of Priest

2. Volunteer Vacuum- Perception : Don't Need Help

3. Young People Have So Many Activities Scheduled

3. (tie for third) Neighbors

4. Decline in Society Interest

**Community Life Commission:** Mary Schimoller reported there are 4 Commission/Council Dinner Meetings a year. She requested if the other Commissions would help the Community Life Commission with 2 of the 4 dinners. Outreach and Administration Commissions will host the January 2016 dinner meeting and Worship and Education/Formation with host the April 2016 dinner meeting. There will be a Family Bingo Night, January 8, 2016. Ed Panconi presented a form to be posted that included the photographs of Council, Commission, Finance Council, Parent Guild, School Board, HF Parish Staff, School Staff, and YES- volunteer Communication Board members so the parishioners would be able to identify those persons. The YES Campaign would develop a program to reach out to parishioners and develop a database of volunteers who say YES to being involved.

**Administration Commission:** Bill Lewis reported that a plan to reduce electric cost is being addressed with Edison Electric. They will be meeting will landscaping planners for the campus.

**Outreach Commission:** Maxine Liggins reported on the "Crop Walk". This was a fund raiser in Oct. to raise money for the Giving Bank. To date Giving Bank has received 100 turkeys for distribution. Adopt a Family letters have gone out to request help for Christmas for those families that have signed up for Christmas. The Giving Bank is now receiving free vegetables from the Alhambra Farmers Market. These donations will help reduce the amount of money needed to purchase vegetables for weekly distribution. It is estimated these donations with save approximately $1000.00 per month.

**Worship Commission:** Jay Krueger reported 60 or more attended the All Souls Mass. Jay report that to date 412 people have responded to the Worship survey. Jay reported that there is a need for more volunteers to distribute Communion.

**School Report:** Anne Murphy reported that Dec. 2 will be the Holy   
Family School Christmas Concert in the church from 7 to 9 PM. Grades K-8 as well as our School Choir will perform.

**Pastoral Council Adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted- Judy skitek