

## **February 8, 2020 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting**

**Attendance:** Gladys Ruiz, Fred Rosso, Blanca Torres Kalmendi, Fr. Welsh, Msgr. Trinh, Josephine Rodriguez, S. Sophie, Gloria Jones, Maria Schaller, Carolyn Onibalus, Ann Bercaw, Carol Henson, Anita Repsch, S. Loan, Sharom Smith, Samuel Ashie, Gemma Baldon, Norajean Flanagan-Glenn, Maria Repsch, Don Nguyen, S. Lan, S. Maryanne

1. Opening: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer
2. Minutes were read. It was suggested that the minutes be read and corrected by email. Please reply all, so all may see to save time at the meeting.
3. Powerpoint Presentation by Msgr. Trinh
  - a. Included statistics of the parish for the past
  - b. When the powerpoint is finished we will receive a copy
4. Parish Mission is from March 29 to 31
  - a. The theme will be *Forgiven*, the theme of the Diocese.
  - b. Fr. Rayford Emmons will give the mission
5. Sacrament of Reconciliation Survey was viewed.
  - a. The best time was on Sunday morning.
  - b. Currently Reconciliation is from 4:00-4:30 and 15 minutes after mass.
    - i. It's good to have the sacrament while people are here
    - ii. It was suggested that the sacrament be made more available
      1. During Mass
      2. It was noted that 75% of Catholics do not go to confession
    - iii. S. Sophie will enroll the parish in the *Forgiven Program* found at [formed.org](http://formed.org) on Ashe Wednesday
    - iv. In addition to the current times of Reconciliation, Fr. Peter hears confession before and after the 7 pm Mass on Mondays, and Wednesdays during the Spanish Charismatic Prayer
6. *Themes* each year in preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:
  - a. 2020: Sacraments
  - b. 2021 Scripture
  - c. 2022; Community
7. *Identity* ideas
  - a. Stickers for cars,
  - b. key chains
  - c. flags
8. *Website, technology* conversation
  - a. Gemma was there and we discussed the inclusion of Spanish, Vietnamese and English pictures and content.

- i. Gemma invited members of each community to take responsibility to write content, reflections and take pictures and submit them
- ii. Don Nguyen said that the *Vietnamese community* is creating their own website and Gladys also said that the *Spanish Community* uses social media to communicate with their community.
- iii. A questions was raised about how many times the parish website is visited and Gemma said that just before Christmas, Easter and Holy Days of obligation is when the website has the most traffic.
- iv. Pictures
  - 1. Can be taken during a tri-lingual Mass to image a multi-cultural parish
  - 2. celebrations and events.
  - 3. No names should be posted with the pictures and no children alone
- b. Josephine volunteered to be the administrator of the parish Facebook page.

9. *Flags such as the ones in the upper church*

Are a way to identify the diversity of the parish

- a. Fred Rosso will determine the country of origin of the flags hanging in the church
- b. Either in the bulletin or from the pulpit announcements will be made for parishioners to identify their ethnicity and if they can buy a flag that identifies that ethnicity

10. *Palm Sunday Day of Prayer*

- a. Fr. Peter began the conversation that the day would begin after the Spanish mass around 2:30 with Adoration with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation around 3:30
- b. A sacred concert will begin around 6:30 which includes music for the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Each choir would sing three hymns: English, Vietnamese, Spanish and Latin. Plans will be made to have the prayer day this Palm Sunday. Fr. Peter will talk to Gen.

11. Other parishes who celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-

- i. Gemma talked about St. Williams
- ii. Their celebration lasted a year. Bishop Perez celebrated the opening Liturgy.
- iii. Events included dance parties, alumni events, Phillies game and cultural events

- b. Msgr. Trinh suggested that we research the celebrations that parishioners from St. Henry's and Incarnation would have and include them in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 12. We closed with the Glory Be.
- 13. Next Meeting is March 21 at 9 am

Respectfully submitted,

S. Maryanne