

St. Helena 100th Anniversary Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2019

Attendance: Norajean Flanagan Glenn, Anne Bercaw, S. Sophie, S. Nguyen Loan, Maria Repsch, Anita Repsch, Joan Teel, Rich Teel, Fred Rosso, Sharon Smith, Gloria Jones, Fr. Welch, Anthony Nguyen, Samuel Ashie, Msgr. Trinh

Opening Prayer: 100th Anniversary Prayer

1. Last Meeting Minutes were read
2. Update on decisions made at the last meeting
 - a. Website:
 - i. S. Sophie sent information to Gemma, Donna ? was consulted, Blanco also wanted to send info to Gemma.
 - ii. It was suggested that Gemma be invited to the next meeting
 - b. Food Pantry Food Collection
 - i. Signs in three languages were put up at the entrances, as well as baskets
 - ii. Announcements were made the week before
 - iii. There was a good increase in the amount of food collected
 - iv. A timely list of food can be submitted by S. Anna Marie, otherwise peanut butter, jelly , cereal, rice, soup are items that were generally needed
 - v. 129 food boxes were given out for Thanksgiving; MMR and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Southampton were the donors.
 - vi. December there will be gifts and toys to be given out.
 - c. Ushers: the topic was revisited during the meeting
 - i. Time and Talent commitment forms are due. IT was suggested that we wait and see how people respond.
 - ii. It was also suggested that the Eucharistic Ministers could also be at the doors as well as members of the 100th Anniversary Committee.
 1. 4 at each of the doors for each Mass would be best.
 - d. Spanish Bulletins
 - i. A more informative Spanish Bulletin is in place and at the doors each Sunday.
 - ii. A celebration will be held on 12/21 that will be open to the whole parish. Announcements about that event will be translated into English and Vietnamese.

- iii. The Ecuadorian community celebrates the Divine Infant and would like to invite all members of the Spanish, English and Vietnamese communities to celebrate with them.

3. New items on the Survey

- a. Homilies:
 - i. A discussion ensued about the length and content of homilies. Ultimately the priests and deacons need to address these issues.
- b. Acoustics:
 - i. Lectors and Cantors need to learn how to adjust the microphone and to clearly enunciate so that the congregation can understand what is being said.
 - ii. This was addressed at the Liturgical Ministers workshop in November
- c. Tri-Lingual Masses
 - i. New procedure is that there will be tri-lingual hymns, tri-lingual readings and one homily in English
- d. Welcoming Church
 - i. Reminders to extend the sign of Peace to those around the congregants. Folks make an effort to interact and speak to everyone.
- e. New Outfits for servers
 - i. None are needed at this time
- f. Spanish Christmas
 - i. The December 21 event is open to the entire parish
 - 1. The announcements need to be translated into each language
 - ii. Divine Infant is a celebration that the Ecuadorians hold. They want to include all the Hispanic cultures to be part of it as well as the whole parish
 - iii. Dec, 11-12: Our lady of Guadalupe
- g. More Tri-Lingual Concerts
 - i. Gen will be asked about a tri-lingual Christmas concert for next year
 - ii. Fr. Peter talked about the possibility of a Palm Sunday Tri-Lingual event, Day of Prayer. The event would capture the mood of the Triduum with 4 English, 4 Vietnamese and 4 Spanish Hymns. The day of prayer could include an afternoon of Adoration, Confession and a Holy Hour.

4. Other

- a. It was decided to focus on the responses to the survey and to implement suggested changes as our first priority as our 100th Anniversary celebration will not take place until 2024. We will invite representatives from other parishes

who have already celebrated 100th Anniversary events to future meetings. In the meantime, members of the 100th Anniversary Committee could interview the people they know from those parishes for their thoughts about what worked and what did not in the planning and execution of their 100th Anniversary events.

5. Meeting closed with a prayer

Next Meeting:

January 18, 2020 at 9 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Maryanne