

**St. Therese Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

Present: Msgr. Elvin Sunds, Elsa Baughman, Angelia Estrada, Teresa Hayes, Liz Coleman, Sr. Lourdes Gonzalez

The meeting opened with the prayer, A Future Not our Own by Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Co-President Elsa Baughman presided. Minutes from the meeting on January 9, 2018, were reviewed. Msgr. Sunds made a motion to accept the minutes as provided. Liz Coleman seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to approve the motion.

Report on New Life Campaign

Msgr. Sunds reported that to date we have received 103 pledges. There will be a second follow up with some givers that they have not heard from. Msgr. Is composing a letter to go to this group of individuals. Elsa suggested that we market that donations can be made in memory of loved ones. It was also discussed the ability to have 'donation' bricks. Msgr. Sunds stated that this does have a cost of \$30.00 per brick.

Report on the Building project

The following updates were provided on the status of the construction project:

- Playground equipment has been removed
- Tree has been removed
- Leveled and sloped the ground for drainage purposes and in preparation for beginning construction phase
- For sprinkler system, there must be a direct connection to city water pipes. Since the school has already taken this step with their new building, they agreed that we could share the costs of this expense and share their direct connection. Cost was \$54,000.00, which would be a cost to our church for \$27,000.00.

Friday Lenten program

The group reviewed the calendar of activities.

Women's Retreat and Men's Retreat

Men's retreat is planned for February 10th and there are about 25 men planning to attend. Women's retreat is planned for weekend of March 2 – 4, with about 30 registered so far.

Sr. Lourdes Celebration

There will be one mass on 4/8/2018 at 11:00 am. On Tuesday, March 13, there will be a planning meeting following the 5:30 mass.

Abbey Fest and other youth activities

Angelia and Betsy will coordinate with Joel Montoya if they are wanting to take any participants to Abbeyfest. Reminder that all adults and volunteers must complete the Protection of Children program. Parish will cover the cost of registration for youth to attend Abbeyfest. The group discussed starting to host monthly youth activities and possibly look at having some outings to local points of interest, i.e. sports museum.

Other Business

Need to go ahead and book Camp Garraway for October 7, 2018 for St. Therese Feast Day.

Closing prayer

The group closed with the Diocese Prayer.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.