

Latino Commission Minutes February 9th 2012

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Prayer Group-Retreat Planning

- Preparations for the retreat for the 17th are almost finalized. Currently, Father Lorenzo, Greg Schaeffer, and Deborah Organ are part of the day. Father Miguel is unable to be with us that day but will attend Friday night Prayer in the chapel as much as possible. Group will begin now to extend invitations for 2013. There is a subcommittee and staff that will update us on final day and disseminate publicity. Other Latino communities will be invited by the staff. Danielle will forward promotional materials for other congregations and each parish staff will decide if and how parishioners will be invited. Volunteers are needed for hospitality. Nursery will be provided from 12-4pm by SJN staff.
- Liturgy Commission is reviewing the proposal for the future of the Spanish prayer group and will report back to us after their next commission meeting.
- Lenten Schedule
 - We have provided a Lenten schedule in Spanish for all parishioners. We will offer a Easter Mass on Sunday for the first time at 2pm. Liturgical ministers will coordinate with Liturgy Commission on Triduum services and requests

Volunteer Gathering

Shared Ministry will hold its Volunteer Appreciation February 18, 19th and we are encouraged to join and also recognize our volunteers and all those that support us in time, talent, treasure, and prayer. The commission will hold a gathering for all ministry volunteers after Easter.

Budget

*Budget was reviewed for 2012-13. Before Danielle became Associate for Latino ministry, the budget for the department was limited to celebrations, presiders, sacraments, and minimal formation/appreciation. Since the formation of the commission, there has been great growth in Saturday attendance, ministerial participation, and communications. Several ministerial needs have arisen that do not coincide with budget line items and need to have allocated funds for if possible. After the prayer group's request for funds for a retreat, the Parish Council and staff recommended that future needs be intentionally considered in budget preparation process, reflected in a proposal, and justified as needed.

In our goals and objectives in Part 2 where we lay out long range planning for next two years, we stated as one of our objectives in the area of formation **“to schedule, train, equip, and thank ministers and facilitate ministerial formation as well as improve our catechesis in all of its aspects so that parishioners will gain full knowledge of our faith, understanding of liturgy, educational opportunities across all ages, moral formation, and depth in their**

prayer and community life.” Given that we are in transition and Archdiocesan resources have yet to be coordinated and offered and we as parish have not acquired our translation equipment, we have to provide our own formation in Spanish. This has been the number one area of concern for the Commission and leaders. Therefore, given it is an area of need for all ministries and parishioners at large, we are requesting an increase in budget for formation rather than imbed the expense within each ministerial area. This expense line will allow for scholarships for regional and national opportunities for formation of leaders, the ability to bring in retreatants, and adult faith formation presenters. The other notable request for increase in a budget expense line was for Prayer Group as they have proposed a yearly retreat.

Meeting with Father Charlie

Commission will meet with Father Charlie at the Lighthouse February 23rd from 7-9. It will be an opportunity for Charlie to meet Commission members and for us to hear from him more about the role of a commission and organizational structure here at Saint John Neumann. We are also excited to take time to exchange thoughts about the future of Latino ministry at SJN in regards to how we as a commission and how parish staff foresee meeting the needs of the community taking into account resources we already have and possible obstacles. Much of the work has been done in the preparation for the Vicariate visit and our self-study as reported to the Archdiocese from Danielle.

MEETING WITH FATHER CHARLIE : February 23,2012

Next Commission Meeting March 8th,2012