St. John Neumann Catholic Church
A First Fruits Community

Latino Commission Meeting
April 19, 2012
6:30-8
SJN
Attendees:

- **Present: Leilani Rodriguez, Danielle Baas Molliver, Adriana Morales, Jeny Correa Avila, Piedad del Real**
- **Absent: Gerardo Rosas, Francisco Castillo, Veronica Rosas, Fernando Loyola**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Prayer, special intentions for Francisco's son

Retreat Evaluation

Long Range Plan Focus Area & Objective: Formation/Education/Welcoming
Discussion:

- Over the past year the prayer group has evolved very quickly. While growth is exciting, it has become much more complex than original proposal. The past retreat in March was a tool for us to evaluate how well the group is actually serving the needs/identity of SJN Latino parishioners. The majority of participants were from outside parishes.
- Although the attendance for Friday prayer has been large, many attendees are not members of SJN. Several parishioners have expressed discomfort with the format and stopped attending the prayer group. Most of our parishioners do not seem to identify with the charismatic nature the group has taken on.
- The Commission has suggested we have a prayer group that could incorporate more traditional Catholic prayer forms – our recitation of the rosary before masses on Saturdays with a variety of other formats (lectio divino, silent prayer, etc). We will discuss options again when prayer group representatives are in attendance.
- Friday night prayer will cease April 27th . Any new offerings would not happen until next fall and will be based on consensus of group.

Action Items:

- Come to consensus on restructuring Prayer Group
- Subcommittee propose prayer group format

Catechesis

Long Range Plan Focus Area & Objective: Formation/Education
Discussion:

- We are facing a shortage of volunteers/catechists for upcoming year. Will continue to do First Communion Prep with Ana like this last year and looking at this model for Confirmation. Looking at having families do faith formation with English speakers and then on Saturdays offering family formation and activities for youth to enforce their language and culture. Also, bimonthly offerings for

adult faith formation. This way they would still learn their faith, prayers, and mass in Spanish but would not require the same amount of human resources.

Action Items:
- Danielle and Piedad will consult with other parishes on their approach and report back to group.
- Continue personal invitation for parent volunteers.
- Will have parishioners fill out survey regarding types of formation they are looking for as individuals and families.

Liturgical Coordination
Long Range Plan Focus Area & Objective: Communication
Discussion:
- Silvana and Carlos have asked for someone else to handle scheduling.

Action Items:
- Jeny will create a master calendar of all liturgical ministers (altar servers, EM's, and lectors). This centralized list and communication prior to mass will hopefully improve the accountability of servers.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (May 10th)
- Prayer Group
- Catechesis