

Father David opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer. In attendance were members Dana Brown, Bill Franz, Kelly Grey, Wayne Hussey, Bob McCarty, and Cy Richards. Father David Leibham, Pastor, and Jane Heckler, Parish Chief Operating Officer, were also present.

The first item of business was review and discussion of the Commemorative Book for the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Austin. The Parish pre-ordered 420 copies, 370 in English and 50 in Spanish. It is now anticipated that the book will be available for purchase during late November as well as December 2022 predominantly after Masses. The price will be \$40.00 per book which is sufficient to cover the Parish's costs. Cash, credit and debit cards, and personal checks can be used to purchase the book at Emmaus. Because of technological hurdles, credit and debit cards cannot be accepted at Queen of Angels.

The next item of business involved the Parish Vocations Ministry Committee. Father David and seven lay members comprise the committee. The committee will focus on developing vocations. It will operate on a three-point plan, to wit: (1) Pray, (2) Form, and (3) Invite. The committee is part of a Diocesan effort to increase vocations to religious life. Rhonda Gruenwald has written an insightful book on the subject and this past weekend (November 12) she made a spirited presentation to Diocesan representatives involved with vocation ministry. Her books, Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry and The Harvest: A Guide to Vocation Ministry in Education are designed for persons desiring to actively encourage vocations to religious life. It is comprehensive in describing how to initiate, or refresh, a vocation ministry in a Parish in today's day and age. Father David anticipates utilizing many of Ms. Gruenwald's recommended activities to help Emmaus enhance its already vocation-friendly atmosphere.

Father David announced that December 10 and 11 will be Eucharistic Adoration Promotion Weekend. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the St. John of the Cross Chapel located in the Parish Life Center. The chapel is open and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Opportunities for Adoration are available; interested persons can sign up on the Parish website to adore during a designated time each week. Married couples will discuss at the weekend's Masses just what Adoration has meant to them.

For the next item of business, Father David described the completion of improvements to the exterior of the Church as well as other work being done on the Parish campus. The Church exterior was power washed, caulked where necessary, and the arches and gutters were painted. Father David updated the members on the new signage that will be placed in appropriate locations around the campus in the near future. All of the signage is designed to resist fading. Signage by the main entrance to the campus is scheduled to be installed next week. Pastoral Center signage is to be installed in December as is signage for the front doors of the Church. Work on the stone chiller yard fence is awaiting approval, and permit, from Lakeway. It is expected to receive approval and the work to be completed in early 2023. Finally, Father David personally cleaned and restored the St. Michael artwork using an old toothbrush over many hours as his schedule permitted.

There will be coffee and doughnuts on the first Sunday of December, December 4, in the Great Hall. (Cy, Wayne and Dana will handle the coffee and doughnuts on this occasion.) December 4 is also the date of the Advent Marketplace.

The Holiday Gathering will be held on December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Arches Room in the Pastoral Center. Committee members are encouraged to bring cold hors d'oeuvres and bottles of wine for sharing.

The closing prayer was led by Father David and joined in by all; it was a prayer for vocations.