



Pastoral Council Minutes September 19, 2022

1) Roll Call:

Fr. Martin Martinez	Pastor	Present
Jim Harris	PC Chairman	Present
Tom Murphy	Growth & Development	Present
Debbie Morales	Community Liaison	Present
Myrl Johanning	Finance	Present
Shelly McCullough-Cruz	Liturgy	Present
Cheyenne Le Pretre	Religious Education	Absent
Minh Solorzano	Music Ministry	Present
Ben Gaska	Fiesta	Present
Luis Gonzalez	Spanish Ministry	Present
Trisha Leger	Women's Prayer Group	Present
Lety Estrada	St Vincent de Paul	Present
Cindy Parra	Staff	Absent

2) Opening Prayer: – Fr. Martin Martinez

3) Approval of Minutes: – There were no minutes to approve.

4) Pastor's Report: – Fr. Martin Martinez

a. Capital Campaign Status

- Father reported that he and Pat Lynch met with the Bishop and presented the current status of the campaign. The parish at this point is good for 2.5 million and that the parish has to date collected 1.1 million. 67% of parishioner that were polled wanted a church to be built and not a multipurpose building. There are approximately 500 out of 1600 families active in the parish. When the parish reaches 2.5 million dollars in the bank, we can go ahead and break ground at the new site. Based upon current donations, it will take approximately 2 years before we can break ground.
- The parish will retain the current property for classrooms, fiesta, etc. until the new church has the facilities available to support such activities. It's not anticipated that FICO will have an issue if the parish uses the current facility beyond the 5-year window.

b. Facilities

- **Building Community** - Father feels that it is not enticing for people to go outside after Mass for fellowship because there is no cover or shade and the chairs are rusty and dusty. If we are going to be in the current building for a few more years it probably is worth spending the money on a new cover for the patio area. We will look into replacing the cover for the patio area and perhaps the various parish groups can help sand and paint the chairs on a designated weekend.



- The roof for the church is leaking and due to the absence of regular maintenance, the roof requires extensive repairs. The parish contacted 5 roofing companies but only 2 responded because they are so busy. The cost for the necessary repairs is \$27,000. The roofing companies are really busy because of the monsoon season so it was decided to hold off on the repairs until the winter months. Also, if the damage was caused to weather, there is a possibility that insurance will cover the repair cost. Maybe solar panels are an option to offset the cost.

c. Daily Mass Schedule

The current daily Mass schedule is at 12:15 PM with the exception of Thursday. Father suggested taking a survey to determine what time schedule would work best for parishioners. Father plans to add a Mass in the evening on the 1st Friday of every month and possibly another Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month between the Men's and Women's prayer groups.

d. Pilgrimage

We are back on track to have a pilgrimage to Spain, France and Portugal in May of 2023. This is being advertised in the parish bulletin.

e. Arizona Rosary Celebration & Tucson Men's Conference

The Rosary Celebration will take place in October and the Altar Servers will be involved in the event. Also, the Men's Conference will occur on November 5th 2022. Both of these events will be promoted within the parish.

f. Pro-Life Ministry

The USCCB has put together a program called "Walking with Mothers in Need". This is in response to the Roe v Wade decision and it is a 5-phase action plan that is run by the women in the parish. Trisha Leger will look into this program.

g. National Eucharistic Revival

The USCCB has launched a program at the parish level to focus on catechist which could include a parish mission on the Eucharist or give classes on the topic. Also, more emphasis on adoration, processions, etc. The parish is looking for someone to spearhead this effort. Pilar Harris has volunteered for this task.

h. Parish Security

There is concern about the safety of parishioners during Mass due to the increase in violence towards the Church that has occurred throughout the country. There is a program that was started within in the Diocese of Phoenix called the Porters of St Joseph. The program is linked to "Into the Breach" and provides training to men within the parish on how to protect the church and parishioners in case someone interrupts Mass or endangers the safety of parishioners. Apart from training, there is a spiritual development side of the program that includes prayer and fasting. Jim Harris will investigate the program.



i. Outreach to Lapsed Catholics

Father asked how do we reach out to Catholic's in the community that are away from the Church. There was discussion how we can engage parents of RE students and lapsed Catholics in the community. How do we embrace the community? Maybe do a Catholics Come Home outreach on Lent, Easter, or Christmas. Maybe a neighborhood or phone outreach.

5) Discernment Groups:

a. Stewardship

- **Fiesta** – Entertainment is about 75% full and we are still recruiting volunteers. Permits are being worked on and we are requesting donations for food and supplies. Need help with advertisement and putting banners up around Sahuarita. Blessing of the Bikes will also take place during Fiesta.
- **Hospitality** – Coffee and Donuts after 8AM & 10AM Masses will start after Fiesta.
- **St Vincent De Paul** – At the end of September SVDP will have one year at San Martin de Porres and there are currently 13 members in the ministry. Most of the requests for assistance are for help to pay utilities.

b. Faith Formation

- **Religious Education** – We have 160 kids in the program.
- **Spanish Ministry** – Was recently started and takes place on Thursday nights at 7:00PM – There will be different speakers each week and different Priests to celebrate Mass. There will be a healing Mass in a couple of weeks
- **Women's Prayer Group** – The group continues to grow and is doing the 1st Saturday devotion.
- **Men's Prayer Group** – Continues to grow and is currently focusing on "Into the Breach".
- **Youth Group** – Ongoing
- **Adult Bible Study** – This will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM and will focus on the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday. Ben will facilitate.

c. Spiritual Table

- **Bible Study** - Father Jude Eli will be giving classes at the parish during Holy Week.
- **Liturgy** – Need volunteers for communion to the homebound.
- **Music Ministry** – The ministry is growing.
- **Altar Servers** – Father had a meeting with the group.



8) Finance Council Update

Myrl stated that the Finance Council recently had a meeting and is getting support from the Diocese. Overall, the finance situation is solid.

9) Pastoral Council Business

There are still open positions (Secretary & Co-Chair) on the Pastoral Council. If we know of people that might be good for these positions, please contact Jim. The Charter was review by the group. After discussion, Father suggested some changes and Jim will revise the document and send out to the group. The plan is to vote and approve the Charter at the next meeting. The elections should occur at our next meeting.

10) Closing Prayer – (Father)

11) Adjournment