



Pastoral Council Minutes September 24, 2019

1) Roll Call:

Fr. Jorge Farias-Saucedo	Administrator	Present
Jim Harris	PC Chairman	Present
Tom Murphy	Growth & Development	Present
Myrl Johanning	Finance	Present
Renee Eames	Liturgy	Excused
Aaron Eames	Liturgy	Excused
JoAnn Stover	Advisor	Present
Gladys Pedraza	Stewardship	Excused
Debbie Morales	Stewardship	Present
Ivan Garcia	Staff	Present
Matthew Hethcoat	Secretary	Present
Pilar Harris	Faith Formation	Present
Sandra Canez	Faith Formation	Excused
Miguel Perez	Guest	Present

2) Opening Prayer: – Fr. Jorge Farias-Saucedo

3) **Approval of Minutes:** – Minutes from the previous meeting on June 18, 2019 were approved.

4) **Action Items and Open Items from the previous meeting:** Future Storage options was discussed. Father will explore potential storage solutions.

5) Pastor’s Report: – Fr. Jorge Farias-Saucedo

a. General Items

- Father has already completed three months at San Martin de Porres and is happy to be at the Parish. Father reported that the transition has been smooth and he is surprised at all of the activities at San Martin de Porres. Father stated that it is a beautiful parish and he is grateful for all of the support.
- Father reported that the statue of San Martin de Porres was moved to a prominent location in the sanctuary.
- Tina has returned to her staff position at the parish and the parish added Isela Celaya to the staff.
- Father noted that he wants to focus on the youth, and encourage them to join various ministries.

b. Campaign - Search for Land

Father has been working with the Bishop, and Myrl on the campaign. They report that we are close to finalizing the land transaction.



6) Discernment Tables:

a. Stewardship (Debbie)

- **Fiesta** - Posters, bands, Mariachi was discussed. Many raffle tickets have been sold already. There will be more communication after Mass to promote the raffle tickets. Raffle tickets sales typically generate the most money for the Fiesta.
- **Sister Leonette-Family Assistance** - Sister Leonette has moved. We will continue to work with the outreach programs. Father will be communicating with the new point person for the program. The upcoming census was discussed. The possibility of workshops will be explored to inform people, and to help with the process. Father suggested targeting promotion at the Spanish Mass.
- **St Vincent De Paul** – Feasibility will be evaluated in 2020.

b. Faith Formation (Ivan)

- **Religious Education**
 - There are 158 kids in Catechism and have more kids starting this year compared to last year. New enrollments will not be allowed after the last day of the September. A child can still enroll, but will not be given the sacrament. They will also have to register for next year.
 - There are 90 children in first Holy Communion, 20 kids in Youth Formation, and 45 kids in Confirmation Classes.
 - Father is successfully developing our Faith Formation program. First Holy Communion will be May 2nd 2020. Mass at 11:00 AM and 2:00PM.
 - RCIA starts Oct 13th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM and will run through Easter Vigil.
- **Youth Group**
 - There will be a meeting with Father to discuss the future plans for the Youth Group and the planned Youth Day event. The Youth Day event will be in January.
 - Our parish theme for our participation in the White Elephant Parade will be Noah's Ark. Noah's Ark a "New Beginning, Future and Hope. San Martin de Porres Catholic Youth Group".
- **Mary's Mantle**
 - Mary's Mantle is starting up again and will meet on Saturday at 2:30 PM. Mary's Mantle is for girls that received first Holy Communion through High School.
- **Bible Study**
 - Father is exploring bible study in Spanish, for Tuesday night, and English for another night. Father taught this type of curriculum for two years previously



c. Liturgy – (Renee & Aaron)

- Three new Readers have been trained and added since June. Father and Ivan are working on finalizing the Liturgy schedule for the year. This will enable ministers to sign up in advance.
- Father wants a half day retreat for ministers, and ushers to inspire, train, and re-charge volunteers.

7) Other items:

a. Upcoming Parish Events

- **Blue Mass**
 - The Mass will start at 6:30 PM. Honor Guards from various parishes will arrive at 4:30 PM. Luis Gonzales has organized the rehearsal.
 - Youth Group and moms are making the memorial wreaths. Father will bless the vehicles. There will be pot luck gathering on the patio after Mass.
- **Catechism Parent Meeting**
 - Staff and volunteers will meet with the families all at once.
 - Father wants the sponsors chosen early in the process. Father wants paperwork completed early, as well. Debbie suggested that we can approach the parents to volunteer for the Fiesta.
- **Parenting Class**

Began six weeks ago, spearheaded by the Diocese. The youth are helping with day care on Sundays from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.
- **Sock Hop**

Over 30 tickets have been sold. The event will be held on October 5th. The Manhattan Dolls will perform.
- **Queen Candidate Ball**

This event will be for youth from 13 to 17 years old. The Queen candidates are selling tickets. It will be held from 6 to 10 PM, with DJ. food and games.

8) Finance Council Update – (Myrl)

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday Sept 17th. The financial report was approved. Father suggested better planning with realistic budgets for each ministry. The shade project solution was discussed, and there will be ongoing discussions. Jim recommended that a playground should be a priority for the children.



9) Pastoral Council Business – (Jim)

Pastoral Council Elections will be held in December (Term 2 Years and MAX of 2 Terms). We need to encourage new people to come in and be a part of the various groups. Father suggested that we nominate people within the tables. Jim stated that the meeting minutes should be documented at each table meeting. Table leadership positions should be elected within the table. Also, the Discernment Tables need to encourage participation and seek to promote participation. The youth should also be encouraged to participate, including a seat at the council.

10) Closing Prayer – (Father)

11) Adjournment