



Pastoral Council Minutes

February 5, 2020

1) Roll Call:

Fr. Martin Martinez	Pastor	Present
Jim Harris	PC Chairman	Present
Tom Murphy	Growth & Development	Present
Myrl Johanning	Finance	Present
Renee Eames	Liturgy	Present
Aaron Eames	Liturgy	Present
JoAnn Stover	Advisor	Present
Gladys Pedraza	Stewardship	Present
Debbie Morales	Stewardship	Present
Ivan Garcia	Staff	Present
Matthew Hethcoat	Secretary	Present
Pilar Harris	Faith Formation	Present
Sandra Canez	Faith Formation	Excused
Edith Mate	Hospitality (Guest)	Present

2) Opening Prayer: – Fr. Martin Martinez

3) **Approval of Minutes:** – Minutes from the previous meeting on September 24, 2019 were approved.

4) **Action Items and Open Items from the previous meeting:** Storage Options - Ivan said that the storage issue at the church will be tabled until the next staff meeting.

5) Pastor’s Report: – Fr. Martin Martinez

a. General Items

- Father wants to focus on the growth of our church, as well as our plan to build a new church. Father would like the participation of the Pastoral Council to help develop growth.
- Where do we need to grow? It could be through outreach, pre-ministry, adult religious education, and possibly an elderly program. Father wants the council to help discern our options.
- Father would like to reach out to the parishioners to reconnect, and get their point of view of the church, and it’s needs. This might be spearheaded by Hospitality.
- Father would like us to reach out to new parishioners, so that they feel more connected to the church.
- For the campaign, Father would like us to consider having gatherings with upward-mobile professionals in our community. This might help facilitate goodwill with our campaign.



- Father would like to have a pot luck for winter visitors around St Patrick's Day. Jim mentioned the importance of a Ministry Fair. Father said that the Fall would be a good time for the Fair. Aaron suggested to have a Ministry Fair every Fall.

b. Campaign Status

- Renee reported that there are approximately \$2.1 million in pledges towards the goal to raise \$3 million. The land has been secured. Renee suggested that we continue to reach out to the parishioners regarding our goal, in order to help motivate. Perhaps a communications group could be formed to help engagement via social media, etc.
- Father suggested to have a seasoned professional spearhead our communication activities. This will be investigated.

6) Discernment Tables:

a. Stewardship (Debbie)

- **Fiesta** - The Fiesta netted \$32,950 including the raffle.
- **Hospitality** – Edith Mate has agreed to coordinate the Hospitality Ministry at our parish. Edith Mate is excited to serve in this role.
- **St Vincent De Paul** – Feasibility will be evaluated sometime in 2020.

b. Faith Formation (Ivan)

- **Religious Education & Youth Group**
 - There are 189 kids in Catechism and 47 kids in Confirmation. There are more kids attending classes this year compared to last year.
 - There are 49 kids in the Youth Group and the Youth Group meetings are on each Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
 - Sandy Rivera is our new Alter Server coordinator. Sandy will be mentoring the Alter boys.
- **Mary's Mantle**
 - Renee said that the "Ginger Bread House activity was a big success and she is looking to promote a CPR trained babysitter team for the older girls.

c. Liturgy – (Renee & Aaron)

- The retreat with Fr. Jorge was a success. There was a good turnout for the event with approximately 50 people from the various ministries.
- The parish has three new Readers and three new EMHC's.
- There was training conducted for serving Communion to the homebound.



7) Other items:

a. Upcoming Parish Events

Fish Fry - Jim stated that the Knights of Columbus are gearing up for the Annual Parish Fish Fry that will begin on Ash Wednesday and will continue every Friday during Lent.

The planning meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 6th and the proceeds from the Fish Fry will be used for the Hope and a Future Campaign. Last year the Knights raised nearly \$5,000 from the Fish Fry.

Father wants a table set-up at each Fish Fry with information regarding the parish and our capital campaign.

8) Finance Council Update – (Myrl)

Myrl reviewed the financials with Father. The Diocese is now handling the accounting for the parish and they reconcile the financial our statements. The process is working well. Parish expenses have been lower, but will soon be increasing. Overall, the financial status is favorable.

9) Pastoral Council Business – (Jim)

Jim stated that the elections for the open positions on the council will be pushed out until March. There are presently two candidates. Jim discussed that the Pastoral Council should represent the overall parish community and not just those who are members of the Pastoral Council. There was some discussion regarding the structure of the council but any changes will require revision of the charter and any such revisions will need to be voted on and then approved by Father. Father will review the current documents and perhaps set-up a committee to explore options if necessary. The Pastoral Council will revisit the Pastoral Council Charter structure by September, and look at possible modifications.

10) Closing Prayer – (Father)

11) Adjournment