



SAN MARTIN DE PORRES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Council Minutes June 12th, 2018

1) Roll Call:

1.	Fr. Juan Carlos Aguirre	Pastor	Present
2.	Joshua Mangels	Dir. Parish Life	Present
3.	Jim Harris	PC Chairman	Present
4.	Tom Murphy	Growth & Development	Present
5.	Myrl Johanning	Finance	Present
6.	Renee Eames	Liturgy	Present
7.	Aaron Eames	Liturgy	Present
8.	Jose Suarez	Liturgy	Excused
9.	JoAnn Stover	Advisor	Present
10.	Gladys Pedraza	Stewardship	Excused
11.	Debbie Morales	Stewardship	Present
12.	Ivan Garcia	Staff	Present
13.	Matthew Hethcoat	Secretary	Present

2) Opening Prayer – Fr. Juan Carlos Aguirre

3) **Approval of Minutes** – Renee Eames corrected the reference to The Meaning of the Mass Study Program to A Biblical Walkthrough of the Mass, on the final page of the Minutes from March 14th, 2018. Minutes from the previous meeting on March 14th were approved.

4) Action Items and Open Items from the previous meeting

Action items and open items have been completed.

5) Pastor's Report – Fr. Juan Carlos Aguirre

a. Growth and Development Updates w/Tom Murphy.

- Tom says we are looking for land that is still available in Sahuarita. There are two proposals to do a feasibility survey for the parish. The purpose of the study is to determine what would be feasible from a capital campaign standpoint. At the Board of Directors meeting, they will look at the two proposals. Tom thinks that the survey will occur rapidly (4-6 weeks).
- Tom Murphy stated how the road to the current church location is not practical. It is not up to public standards and that we are land locked. Also, that the population growth is rapidly expanding in Sahuarita. The new stores in town like Sprouts, Beals, TJ Max and Panda Express are way above business projections.
- Jim stated that with the new Amazon location, 1900 new jobs will be created. And, with the expansion of Valencia, land prices will increase. Also, home development will increase.

- Tom says that the largest development will be from Valencia South to Sahuarita Road East. This is where the largest growth will be. Sahuarita will be looking to annexing the town boundaries all the way to Houghton, at some point. Also, home permits this month are equal to about what was issued last year.
- More growth means more revenue potentially to the parish.
- Per Tom, we have to identify the land, buy the land and initiate the capital campaign to raise the money for the land, building and subsequent expansion.
- Father said that the vision is to completely move from the current location and he briefly explained the history of the deed and limitation with the current location.
- Tom stated that in 1983 there were 1,800 people in Sahuarita and now the current population is over 30,000.
- Per Father, once the feasibility study is approved, we will then go into the study mode. There will be parishioner interviews. The process takes about two months and includes reporting. A theme will be chosen for the marketing campaign. The study will give us a realistic dollar amount that can be raised. After behind the scenes one on one interviews, results will be revealed publicly. The diocese will buy the property on the trust of the parish, and the parish will pay the diocese back. The parish will need 50% of the funds raised initially. Then we can build after feasibility and campaign are approved.

b. A Few Reflective words on how gossip hinders the work of the Holy Spirit.

- Catechesis from the Holy Father was distributed and Father Juan Carlos talked about the Catechesis from the Holy Father.
- Father Juan Carlos said in reference to gossip, even if it is true, or not, it is still gossip. Also, that gossip is used to sway people to a certain preconceived outcome or idea. The truth should speak for itself. Gossip can entangle us. We are called to charity. We need to talk one on one.
- The Holy Father calls gossip a terrorist act. It's like throwing a bomb and walking away.
- Father made reference to how we make the sign of peace with one another before we receive Holy Communion in order to reconcile our differences, but then some leave Mass and gossip. Gossip is not the work of the Holy Spirit. It is not the work of the church. Gossip destroys what God does. Gossip is detrimental.
- Jim said gossip is a like wild fire.
- Father says it creates distrust and an uproar. It is the work of the devil to create disunity.
- Father referenced the meeting with a few parishioners who had complaints.
- John Paul II would send diplomatic emissaries. This helped to reconcile. Father does not want to break relationships anymore. He will follow John Paul II on this strategy going forward. He will schedule one-on-ones, if he can.
- Father said this last incident is like tsunami that still has undercurrents.
- Jim said that only one person spoke with him as a Pastoral Council member.

- Father said that each group needs to have objectives and anything outside of that, throw it aside. Change the topic, if necessary. If there is a disagreement, they need to go through the proper channels.
- Renee suggested that there are proper ways to handle these situations and sometimes you just have to say it is not a conversation we will have. We need to stop it in their tracks.
- Joshua suggested that people say things at the church that they would never say at work.
- Father says many of the people who complain are just fearful. He wants us to pray about it and read the Holy Father statement.

6) Discernment Tables

a. Stewardship

- Debbie Morales proposed football meals participation to provide meals for players. Typically, the meals consist of pasta, salad and bread. Father thinks it's a good idea and wants people to rally behind it. The dates may still need to be worked out.
- Debbie believes the schools will provide tickets for the games.
 - Football Game: Sahuarita HS on Sept 21st to provide meals for players.
 - Football Game: Walden Grove HS on Sept 28th to provide meals for players.
 - Details to be worked out.

b. Faith Formation – Josh Mangels

- Wednesday 242 youth group bible study will start at 7:00 PM. Format will include prayers and then break off into bible study.
- The plan is to offer Kids Club possibly on Tuesdays with games and movies after Mass.
- The program will be focused on upcoming holy celebrations, leading up to the July 13th rosary. We will be studying Elijah, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Study of Scapulars, and educating the faithful.
- Faith formation to open for registration online for the youth group, RCIA, walking with Jesus, and the Kids Club. All registrations will be directed to Cindy for coordination.
- The online tool is also a way to register parishioners. Also, to find out where they are at in terms of Marriage, incomplete sacraments etc.

- Renee is leading Mary's Mantle. The first meeting is on 6/15 for orientation with mom's and girls. There will be two more meetings prior to 8/15 at Renee's house. The hope is for 25 girls to participate. The focus will be on virtues and connecting with a saint. Also, they will participate in diaper drives, Fatima, etc. The age range will be from approximately 3rd grade to HS. Similar to older altar servers. Some girls will be older mentors. There is no model for this currently in the US that Josh is aware of. Renee will take the lead through Advent and then they will assess.
- Missionary Disciples: Per Josh, the group is not ready for approval from Pastoral Council. This could potentially be a new Ministry under our Pastoral Council. It is similar to the faith formation that Sister Gladys was involved with. It would include Diocesan training for new evangelization, a three year process for some. They will be involved and carrying out the items highlighted on the white board in the conference room. Jim read the preliminary mission statement to the group. Per Jim, there will be core group and they will secure volunteers.
- Josh talked about evangelization and family formation through 242. Continuing to connect the ministries. Evangelizing the community from within and outwardly. On July 18th there will be family orientation for religious education, including Knights of Columbus, Hospitality, Ushers and other groups, as well. Inviting all to get involved. The Knights will have booth set up. Hospitality and Ivan will represent to try and connect with people.
- Joanne was asking about the signing up deadline for classes. According to Father, the unspoken last possible date to sign up for classes is Sept 19th.
- Father noted that in regards to the Missionary Disciples, that the object is to go forth. We need to learn and then we can go out and teach. Jim will incorporate this into the mission statement.
- Father said we are doing a great job with faith formation. Over the past 5 years we have had a lack of consistency and congruency. When we have various groups with meetings here and meetings there, and it is easy to get scattered. We need to move forward together as one. We need to evangelize the people and parents that are here and who are dropping their kids off for classes, before we can go out into the streets to evangelize. We need to look at the bigger picture and work to ultimately incorporate the kids that play with the kids that attend classes, into the fold.
- Josh said that there will be sacramental preparation on Sundays. 1:30 to 2:30 and we will try to fit Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation in between Masses. Wednesdays is for the whole family with youth group, and is not sacrament prep, but formation. All of the curriculum for adults is planned already through the end of the year (both Spanish and English).
- Holy communion and confirmation is set through June 20th 2019.

c. Liturgy-Renee/Aaron & Jose Suarez – (Report given by Renee Eames)

- In regards to the Biblical walk through the Mass in English and Spanish. 31 people completed their workbooks and attended. 7 people were in and out. We are anticipating 4 new EMHC's, and 3 new lectors. There will be a follow up refresher meeting on Saturday 6/16 at 3:00 PM. Deacon Justin will talk and so will Renee.
- Father talked about a full background check and proper certification before new people can be EMHC's. Unless there is an emergency. There is low risk for lectors. New people can be scheduled, but they have to follow through with proper protocol.
- Per Aaron, we are transitioning with a new head usher. Daniel Scott will be the new head usher. Daniel will be working with Josh. There will be a master sheet/schedule and will be congruent with all the Masses. In August there will be finalized list with usher duties and will cover that with them. Jim suggested a standard operating procedure for Ushers that covers different situations like medical issues. security, etc.
- Father noted that there needs to be 2 signatures on the collection bag.
- Josh said there is a two-month timeline for this implementation.
- Father talked about how we are moving in the right direction and Josh is doing a great job! Where there are bad habits, we need to continually change them. We want to make a steady change, but there is always something trying to pull us apart.
- JoAnn brought up training for the home bound. Father said that that is something that Ivan will organize. There needs to be a a meeting on two areas, basic training for ministers of holy communion. And, then different training on home visits and visits to institutions. There are many different scenarios that they have to be prepared for. There are potential liability issues, or they may need advice from the Priest with a given situation. Father said that the hospitals have an agreement with the church already.

7) Finance Council Update – Myrl Johanning

Myrl said there were two finance council meetings. One on April 3rd for the budget 2018 -2019. They also looked at the year-to-date financials. They also had a meeting on May 30th for final approval of the budget. And, the other main issue was the feasibility study. The finance committee approved moving ahead with the feasibility study.

8) Pastoral Council Business – Jim Harris

a. Effectiveness/Feedback regarding new Pastoral Council Structure

- Per Jim the new pastoral council structure is working out well. Having worked on them in the past, it was a venue to discuss many issues and often lasted 3 or 4 hours. The goal is to keep the meetings to <2.0 hours, if possible. The structure is working, and the fruits are demonstrating this.

b. Vote on open Secretary Position.

- Matthew Hethcoat was nominated as a candidate for the Secretary position. The

vote was aye and Matthew was elected the new Secretary.

c. Charters

- Per Jim we already have a charter for Hospitality, but we need one for Religious Education. Mary's Mantle and Missionary Discipleship is in the works. Information about these programs is on the website. Father cited issues when uploading a document. This needs to be worked out.
- Matthew suggested that Mari Hethcoat can help with the website, if needed. Father said the website has to be mobile friendly. Jim suggested a church web-based portal for easy access and communication. Josh said that they are already working to develop something along the lines of what Jim suggested.

10) Closing Prayer

Closing prayer - Fr. Juan Carlos Aguirre

11) Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM