

August 21, 2019

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened in prayer by Council Chair Phillip Mendoza. Those attending were Fr. Paul Chovanec, Mary Elliott, Bruce Luu, Valeria Balbontin, Lloyd Sterling and Nga Tring-Vu. First time invitee to the Council included **Lucrecia Torres**. Also invited was Bob **Sullivent**, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, to discuss the Fall Festival.

FALL FESTIVAL: As discussed by Bob Sullivent, the Fall Festival is scheduled for October 19-20, 2019. Raffle tickets were sold this past weekend after masses (August 17-18) and sales will continue after each weekend mass up until the start of the Festival. Underwriting will be started; last year, approximately \$14,000 was raised. Karen Rachal will assist with creating of the appropriate forms for underwriting this year's Festival. Preapproval of Festival expenses will be required this year. Several Knights will be coordinating the underwriting, raffle tickets, stage and music, craft booth and necessary construction. Posters (11" x 17") will be created to advertise the festival and posting at various businesses within the boundaries or close to St. Justin's. Committee meetings are being held every other Monday to work on Festival details.

DSF 2019: Father Richard McNeillie, Vocations Director of The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, will be speaking at the Saturday and Sunday masses over Labor Day weekend. This is the only weekend Fr. McNeillie could be available. DSF envelopes will be handed out before masses and red aprons will be worn after the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

OPEN FORUM: It was suggested by Council members that a Valentines Dinner and Dance be scheduled as a fund raising event in lieu of a New Year's Eve Ball as a lot of families will be out of town over the holidays and fund raising may be limited due to event taking place during the Christmas season. It was proposed that the Valentine's Dinner and Dance could be scheduled on either Friday, February 14th or Saturday, February 15th from 7:00 – 11:00 PM. Hall availability will also need to be determined.

It was suggested that a Council member step into a vice-chair position to not only assist the chair, but to "learn the ropes." There was discussion of a possible poll being sent by email to Pastoral Council members to allow them to place a vote for a Vice-Chair.

There will be a December 1st International Cookie Festival being coordinated by Valeria Balbontin. Bruce Luu recommended that possible orders for additional cookies could be offered to participants if the individual volunteers are willing to make additional cookies. Orders could be placed during the Cookie Festival to receive additional cookies by the following weekend. All monies would be included in the donations.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

Phillip closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Mary Elliott