



St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2017

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was held in the SJRG Parish Office conference room and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Carolyn Swanson, Pastoral Council Chair.

Pastoral Council Members
(P = Present; E = Excused; U = Unexcused)

 P Monsignor Luna

2018

 P Gladys Delgado
 P Cathy Nieto-Martinez
 P Ezequiel Ortiz
 P Carolyn Swanson

2019

Vacant
 P Kathy Malechuk
 P Patrick Newfield
 P Susan Tomita

2020

 P Leroy Chavez
 P Diana Clokey
 P Vincent Nulk
 P Peter Schwartz

Guests

Frances Donio of the Finance Committee.
Jeanine Fried of the Family Faith Formation Task Force

Prayer and Mission Statement:

Cathy Nieto-Martinez led the opening prayer and the Parish Mission Statement was recited.

Agenda and Minutes:

Zeke Ortiz moved to approve the agenda, Cathy Nieto-Martinez seconded, and the agenda was accepted with the following correction that because she was not present due to resignation, Cathy Bieri's name should not be listed among the 2019 list of PC members nor marked as present. Kathy Malechuk moved to approve the minutes, Leroy Chavez seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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Finance Report: (Frances Donio)

- Kathy Perez is a new member of the committee.
- We are 13% below budget in regard to expenses and 100% at budget in regarding to income.
- The committee will report on the budget to the parish on Nov. 18-19.

Parish Retreat Report:

Patrick Newfield presented a preliminary report. The final report will be submitted later. The PC thanked him and his staff for their work.

Family Faith Formation Task Force Update: (Jeanine Fried)

- The Task Force (TF) is exploring ways to enhance the current Youth FF by having getting parents more directly involved.
- The TF sought input from former and present catechists, including Deacon George, to see how the current YFF would be compatible with a parent involved curriculum but at present only Catechist Art Cooper has attended TF meetings.
- A survey was sent to parents and children. It will be tabulated and interpreted later.
- After seven meetings, the TF has the following questions: What do we want to do? Who will do it? How much will it cost?/How much can we spend?
- Following Jeanine Fried's presentation, Monsignor and each member of the Council shared his/her acquisition of Faith.

Monsignor Luna's Comments:

- None.

Comments and Concerns from Parishioners:

- Vincent Nulk mentioned that the Women's room needs to be adjusted to make it easier to open. The Maintenance Man will be informed.

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- Peter Schwartz expressed concern about the announcement concerning ACA missed pledges and will discuss this with the ACA rep.
- The Consolation Ministry needs more volunteers to assist at funerals.

Team Building Retreat:

- Date changed to July 28, 2018.

Pastoral Council Vacancies:

- By consensus, the PC agreed not to fill the two vacancies and function as a council of ten.
- By consensus, the PC agreed to have Susan Tomita serve as Chair and Peter Schwartz as Secretary for the remainder of the year. Diana Clokey nominated Susan Tomita for Chair, and Zeke Ortiz seconded it. Gladys Delgado nominated Peter Schwartz for Secretary, and Leroy Chavez seconded it.

Ministry Reports: Team Refugee:

- Carolyn Swanson reported that the Afghani family that the parish is sponsoring is in the fifth month of the six months oversight. Team Refugee, a part of Catholic Charities, is helping newly arrived immigrant families with the necessities of life: classes on daily living, ESL, and cultural orientation. Carolyn believes that the family will need additional help after the sponsorship ends.

Other Matters:

- The PC thanked outgoing Chair Carolyn Swanson for her service with a gift and cake.

Adjournment:

- Cathy Nieto-Martinez moved to adjourn, Zeke Ortiz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer:

- Monsignor Luna led the Pastoral Council members in the closing prayer.



Item Description	Responsible Person	Due Date
Continue planning for Parish Retreat, Ministry Leaders Meeting, Winter Retreat, and Lenten Mission	Respective Committees	Ongoing

Recorded by: Peter Schwartz

These minutes were reviewed, corrected and unanimously approved on

Approval was moved by _____ and _____ seconded.
 Verified by Susan Tomita, Chair