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# St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

**Monday, October 15, 2018**

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was held in the SJRG Parish Office conference room and was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Diana Clokey, Pastoral Council Chair.

## Pastoral Council Members

( P = Present; E = Excused; U = Unexcused)

   P    Monsignor Luna

### 2019

   P    Gladys Delgado  
   P    Kathy Malechuk  
   E    Patrick Newfield  
   P    Susan Tomita

### 2020

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

### 2021

   P    Erika Abeyta  
   P    Eileen Carson  
   P    Carol Gessing  
   P    Lee Orosco

## Guests

Rick Farris for the Finance Committee.

### Prayer and Mission Statement:

Eileen Carson led the opening prayer and the Parish Mission Statement was recited.

### Agenda and Minutes:

Leroy Chavez moved to approve the agenda, Gladys Delgado seconded, and the agenda was accepted with the replacement of Rick Farris for Frances Donio for the Finance Report and the addition of Erika Abeyta as a presenter under Concerns from Parishioners. Susan Tomita moved to approve the minutes and Vince Nulk seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### Finance Report: (Rick Farris)

- OPERATING FUNDS: Budgeted Amount for September: \$54,544; Actual Revenue: \$58,762. This is \$4,208 or 7.7% more than budgeted. For the first quarter of the fiscal year 2018-19 our revenue is 6% above budget.
- OPERATING EXPENSES: Budget Amount: \$56,170; Actual Expenses: \$52,423; \$3,750 or 4.7% less than budgeted, minus 3.3% for the Quarter.
- Nazareth Center: \$47,502.99

### Ministry Report:

No report

### Monsignor Luna's Comments:



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- Monsignor thanked the Parish Council for its presence at the Blessing of the Foundation, and he continues to pray for good weather for the construction and the safety of the workers. PC members commented on the event's success.
- Monsignor will be attending the Annual Priests' Conference in Santa Fe on Oct. 22-4. The theme is "Stewardship."
- Church parking: Construction for Phase 1 is completed and Phases 2 and 3 should be finished by the end of October or the beginning of November. Phase 4, the drop off lane and parking lot for the NC, won't be finished until the whole project is near completion.

#### **Comments and Concerns from Parishioners:**

- Eileen Carson requested that a petition opposing physician assisted suicides be available for parishioners to sign before and after Mass (date undetermined). The petition is sponsored by Right to Life and is a PAC. One concern was that as a PAC (Political Action Committee), even though the opposition to physician assisted suicide is consistent with Church teaching, at what point would the Parish accept or reject other PAC requests for petitions or use of Parish facilities. It was suggested that Eileen contact Ann Avellone to discuss what the Archdiocese's policy is on this issue. The proposal was tabled for more information.
- Should the Parish do more recycling? Monsignor explained that waste disposal is a contracted service and thus a budget line expense. To add recycling would be another expense, and if we did so, the Parish would have to deduct the cost from another line item on the budget. Sympathetic to recycling, the PC decided that the Parish would have recycle containers within the Church but that the organization/ministry sponsoring an event would be responsible for collecting recycled materials and disposing of them at their residences.
- Status of Ministry Reports: PC members were asked to suggest ministries for reports. In the meantime, a committee composed of Stephanie Pickup, Pauline Garcia, Francis Donio and Krista Rashap will be asked to report on the steps and strategies of moving from St. Clair Hall to the Nazareth Center.
- Peter Schwartz asked what could be done about noise in church, both before and during Mass. Some parishioners have complained that talking gets in the way of prayer and meditation. While some noise is understandable, e.g. babies and small children and the choir practicing, the sanctuary should be a quiet place where silence is respected. Some suggestions were to cite this problem in the Bulletin or post it on the overhead loop, but for the time being, this issue will be announced in the monthly PC Update.
- Erika Abeyta mentioned that parishioners were parking illegally in the fire lanes and handicapped areas between the 10 and 12:00 Masses. Although this is a short-term problem (until phases 2 and 3, parking lot construction, are completed, it is a health and safety issue. Short of ticketing the cars, perhaps we could ask for volunteers or hire some high school students to stand in these areas to discourage illegal parking.
- Peter Schwartz requested that all ministry announcements, briefs or reports that appear in the Bulletin include information inviting parishioners to participate and a phone number to obtain necessary information to join. Also, Schwartz suggested that we list 10 ministries each week in the Bulletin with the Parish Office phone number so that interested parishioners can get information on how to join. Since we have about 40 Ministries, listing 10 each week should apprise parishioners of the variety of Ministries and the many



opportunities to serve the Parish.

**Parish Retreat Summary:**

- Susan Tomita reported that 97 tickets were sold and 64 people attended. The evaluation scores were mostly in the outstanding range. The participants enjoyed the content and speakers. Some people had trouble hearing the speakers.

**Ministry Committee Update:**

- In addition to the PC members, Jean Szymanski, Mary Alice Salazar, Mary Ann Sabie and Beth Chavez compose the newly formed Ministry Planning Committee.  
Committee objectives: individual ministry's use of the NC; forming a Ministry Fair team; forming a Ministry Council in the future; improving communication among ministries.

**Information Desk Update:**

- Diana Clokey asked about the PC's staffing the Information Desk on the first Sunday of the month: not much activity, all went well.

MST Mass Change from 5:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sat. Nov. 10 will be announced at the Nov. PC Update.

**Adjournment:**

- Erika Abeyta moved to adjourn, Susan Tomita seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:**

- Diana Clokey led the Pastoral Council members in the closing prayer. The prayer was a blessing for Monsignor Luna's birthday. Cake and ice cream followed the meeting.

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

Recorded by: Peter Schwartz

These minutes were reviewed, corrected and unanimously approved on

Approval was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded.

Verified by Diana Clokey, Chair