



St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, March 19, 2018

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was held in the SJRG Parish Office conference room and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Susan Tomita, Pastoral Council Chair.

Pastoral Council Members

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

 P Monsignor Luna

2018

2019

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 P Gladys Delgado

Vacant

 P Leroy Chavez

 P Cathy Nieto-Martinez

 P Kathy Malechuk

 P Diana Clokey

 P Ezequiel Ortiz

 E Patrick Newfield

 P Vincent Nulk

Vacant

 P Susan Tomita

 P Peter Schwartz

Guests

None

Prayer and Mission Statement:

The Council members led the opening prayer and the Parish Mission Statement was recited.

Agenda and Minutes:

Gladys Delgado moved to approve the February minutes and Diana Clokey seconded. Leroy Chavez moved and Cathy Nieto-Martinez seconded the approval of the meeting's agenda. Both votes were unanimous.

Monsignor Luna's Comments:

- Monsignor mentioned that the Dream Team, the architect and he would be meeting to discuss any pre-ground-breaking issues concerning the Nazareth Center.
- Monsignor congratulated those responsible for the Winter Retreat and Lenten Mission and felt that both were very successful.

Comments and Concerns from Parishioners:

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- We discussed whether or not the 5:00 Mass should be year-round and not changed to 4:00 during the winter months. The choir would prefer the later time; however, the winter darkness presents a security problem. A few years ago, there was a parish survey concerning this issue and the parish, overwhelmingly, voted to change to 4:00 p.m. during Standard Time and to remain at 5:00 during Daylight Time. The PC decided to leave the Saturday Mass time as it is.
- Peter Schwartz reported that paperback Spanish-English missalettes would cost about \$8.00 a piece per year. Given that missals are on-line and that printed copies are relatively inexpensive, the PC decided that purchasing any was not cost-effective.

Ministry Committee Report:

- In a preliminary report, Gladys Delgado commented on the successful turn-out.
- Next year, instead of sitting representatives of similar ministries together, we might mix them randomly so that the leaders would know what other ministries are doing.
- Also, the Ministry Committee might include the Ministry leaders in the planning of the retreat, perhaps 3 members of the committee and 3 Ministry Leaders.
- Having each table report to the ML group as a whole might also give the leaders a better idea what each ministry does.
- Publicizing and recruitment are still important issues to address.

Winter Retreat:

- Diana Clokey reported that the Feb. 24 PC Winter Retreat at the Norbertine Center was very well received and went under budget. Monsignor and the PC concurred and she submitted a written report which was attached to the February Minutes.

Lenten Mission Report:

- Susan Tomita reported that Mission was under budget. We had very good turn-out, 278 on Mon. and 260 on Tues. The 89 comment cards were very positive about Fr. Tellez in particular and the Mission in general. Fr. Tellez enjoyed giving the Mission and called it “a spirit lifter.” Susan commented that the committee worked well together, and she thought—the PC agreed—that the mission was well-received.

Feast Day Committee Report:

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- Kathy Malechuk reported that after considering St. Pius' gym, the Catholic Center and Ladera banquet hall, the committee selected Ladera.
- The facility, the catering, the DJ, auctioneer, and the face-painter will be underbudget.
- There will be a cash bar.
- The committee is meeting on 3/27 to assign the various tasks needed for the event.
- A schedule for ticket sales was filled-out at the meeting.

Parish Council Recruitment:

- Peter Schwartz reported that announcements for nominees for the PC are appearing on the web-site and in the Parish Bulletin. [Apparently, last year's slides are on the loop.] Also, during the PC monthly announcement, the speakers will also offer information on their own experiences on the PC to encourage nominees.

Graduation Mass:

- Cathy Nieto-Martinez reported that announcements for the Mass appear in the Bulletin, web-site and the loop. The Mass is intended for 2018 high school graduates. She is obtaining cards and Bibles for the participants, usually about 12-15 students. Once she has names, she'll contact parents to make sure of attendance.

Adjournment:

- Zeke Ortiz moved to adjourn, Vince Nulk 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
Parish Feast Day, Graduation Mass, and PC Recruitment. Leaving the church open for adoration?	Respective Committees	Ongoing



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Recorded by: Peter Schwartz

These minutes were reviewed, corrected and unanimously approved on

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

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