



# St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

**Monday, August 13, 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 Diana Clokey, Pastoral Council Chair.

### Pastoral Council Members

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

  P   Monsignor Luna

#### 2019

  P   Gladys Delgado

  P   Susan Tomita

  P   Kathy Malechuk

  P   Patrick Newfield

#### 2020

  P   Leroy Chavez

  P   Diana Clokey

  P   Vince Nulk

  P   Peter Schwartz

#### 2021

  P   Erika Abeyta

  P   Eileen Carson

  E   Carol Gessing

  P   Lee Orosco

### Guests

Rick Farris, Finance Committee  
Dolores Garcia and Clara Villareal

### **Prayer and Mission Statement:**

Diana Clokey led the opening prayer and the Parish Mission Statement was recited.

### **Agenda and Minutes:**

Susan Tomita moved to approve the August Agenda and Kathy Malechuk seconded. Agenda accepted; however, the Senor Singles Ministry presentation was moved to follow the Finance Report and precede Monsignor's Comments after the vote was taken. Gladys Delgado moved and Lee Orosco seconded the approval of the May Minutes. The Minutes were accepted with the following changes: The May Finance Report followed the acceptance of the agenda; the report on the PC nominations was added; and since there was no report, the Team Building Report was removed from the agenda.

### **Finance Committee Report:**

Although the final figures are not complete, the Parish is within budget for the month of July. The Parish was very

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generous, and our July contributions of \$69,984 were almost \$5,000 more than was budgeted. This month, \$31,996.07 was donated to the Nazareth Center.

### **Presentation for the proposed Senior Singles Ministry:**

- Monsignor reminded the PC that according to the By-Laws, all new ministries must be considered in accordance with the Parish's Mission Statement, that any new ministry requiring Parish funding must be viewed in light of existing funded ministries, and that if the new ministry were accepted, a previously funded ministry might be discontinued or lose its funding.
- Based on their experiences, both Dolores Garcia and Clara Villareal reported that there is a need for single parishioners to have a place to meet, to worship together, and to share activities.
- For seniors who have lost loved ones, the Ministry would be available to help them adjust to their loss.
- Initially, the Ministry would meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and share fellowship and refreshments in the San Jose room. Already, there is a core group of 4-5 people. At this stage, there is no need for funding. After the Nazareth Center is built, if there was a funeral on their meeting day or need of a kitchen, the Ministry could meet at the NC.
- After the presentation, the PC considered the proposal. Susan Tomita moved for the PC to accept the Ministry and Kathy Malechuk seconded it; after a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The new ministry is named: Senior Singles from A-Zeke in honor of parishioner Ezequiel "Zeke" Ortiz.

### **Monsignor Luna's Comments:**

- Monsignor will be on vacation from August 19 until September 4.
- Monsignor mentioned that Pauline Garcia, the architect and he, when he can make it, would be meeting every Wednesday from July 2018 to July 2019 to discuss issues concerning the Nazareth Center.
- Monsignor reported that the asphalt will be torn up in the North parking lot and that soon the South lot will have 40 additional spaces. Only the 10 o'clock Mass is affected by the shortage of parking.
- The NC construction will take about a year, and during this time, the contractor will install a time-lapse security camera for protection and recording the progress of construction.
- On Sunday, Oct. 7, the Bishop will preside over the blessing of the foundation. The 12:00 Mass will be cancelled, the ceremony will go from 11:30 to 12:30, and a reception (cake) will follow.

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

- Dawn Wenzl Communicated that there is a need to staff the Information Desk during Sat./Sun. Masses. Sr.

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Kathleen started the Information Desk at weekend Masses to assist parishioners who could not visit the Parish office during the week. Lee Orosco reports that the tasks of the Welcoming Group are to staff the Information Desk and to call newly registered parishioners. While the 5:00 and 10:00 Masses are adequately covered, the five-person group cannot service the 8:00 and 12:00 Masses. Diana Clokey suggested that on the first Sun. of every month, when PC members give the Parish Update, the presenters staff the desk fifteen minutes before and after Mass, and informally, everyone agreed.

### **Winter Retreat:**

- Kathy Malechuk distributed a questionnaire concerning PC members' thoughts about the retreat. She asked that the questionnaire be filled out by the September meeting.
- The retreat will be held on Sat., February 23, 2019.

### **Parish retreat:**

- Susan Tomita announced that this year's Parish Retreat theme will be: "Whole-Hearted Living in a Half-Hearted World."
- The event will be on Oct. 13, 2018, tentatively from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and tickets will be \$5.00.
- This year's presenters will be Sharon Halsely-Hoover and David Hoover.

### **Team Building Report:**

- Diana Clokey distributed a hard copy of the report to the PC. She commented that the program was underbudget. Please see attached.

### **Prayer and Parish Update Assignments:**

- Diana Clokey handed out sign-up sheets for both, and she handed out guidelines for the opening prayer.

### **Additional Comment:**

- The PC is looking for more information concerning the continuing of the Children's Offertory Envelopes.

### **Adjournment:**

- Patrick Newfield moved to adjourn, Erika Abeyta seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting

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was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:**

- Monsignor Luna led the Council in the closing prayer.

Item Description	Responsible Person	Due Date
Committee reports	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