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# St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

**Monday, September 16, 2019**

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was held in the SJRG Parish Office conference room and was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Erika Abeyta, Pastoral Council Vice Chair.

## Pastoral Council Members

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

   P    Monsignor Luna

### 2020

   P    Diana Clokey  
   E    Leroy Chavez  
   P    Peter Schwartz  
   P    Vince Nulk  
   E    Patrick Newfield  
   P    Kathy Malechuk

### 2021

   P    Erika Abeyta  
   P    Carol Gessing

### 2022

   P    Fred Becker  
   P    Carla Cavalier  
   E    Tom Trujillo

## Guests

Pauline Garcia

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

Vince led the opening prayer and the Parish Mission Statement was recited.

### **Draft of Facility Use Policy and Procedures:**

Pauline Garcia described the drafts of the Facility Use Policy document and the Facility Use Procedures document. She also discussed the Catholic Mutual Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement, and the Catholic Mutual Unaffiliated Organization Agreement. Pauline reviewed the highlights of each of these documents and answered questions. Changes and clarifications to the Policy and Procedures documents were suggested by council members to be considered before the documents are finalized.

### **Approval of August Minutes and September Agenda:**

Kathy moved to approve the August Minutes and Vince seconded. The motion carried. Kathy moved to approve the September Agenda and Diana seconded. The motion carried.

### **Finance Council Report/Update: Msgr. Luna**

In August:



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- Revenue was down by .7%, down by 1.7% year-to-date.
- Expenses were down by 21.7%, down 19.6% year-to-date.
- The decline in expenses are primarily attributed to the lack of expenditures for the Nazareth Center, which has not yet opened, and a maintenance position which has not yet been filled.

#### **Msgr. Luna's Comments:**

- The Nazareth Center opening has been delayed due to problems getting the Certificate of Occupancy. The primary issues are related to differences between equipment in the plans versus what was installed and landscape changes. These items are being addressed and Monsignor expects the CO to be issued very soon.
- The Archbishop's Pastoral Letter of September 3<sup>rd</sup> declared a time of pilgrimage from September 14<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>. A decision has not yet been made as to how we may participate in a pilgrimage.
- The Priest Convocation will be October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> in Taos.

#### **Comments/Actions from the Chair:**

- Follow-up on Name Tag Sunday Inquiry – while there is no movement on this idea yet, Jean Szymanski is leading the effort to show progress by January.
- Update Information Desk Schedule - Erika started the discussion by describing the potential conflict in the schedule between the PC, the Catholic Daughters, and Senior Singles. Diana has resolved the issue with the other ministries so there is no need to change our schedule.
- Planning Events at Nazareth Center – Erika and Monsignor discussed the opportunities we may have to plan a variety of events, such as the PC Retreat, at the Nazareth Center.

#### **Parish Retreat Update:**

Vince described the progress that has been made. Tickets have been printed. The event is being announced on the jumbotron. Music has been arranged. The speaker will give us three of her books to use as door prizes. Breakfast will be breakfast burritos and lunch will be pizza. Posters have been made. Vince passed around a sign-up sheet for members of the Council to sell tickets on the two weekends before the event.

#### **Ministry Leaders Update:**

Diana provided the following summary of her update:

The ML meeting will be on January 11, 2020. The room has been reserved and our first committee meeting will be held September 26, 2019. Two projects will be unveiled at the ML meeting.

1. Facebook closed system is completed. This closed electronic communication system is to allow the ML's to exchange ideas, share resources and to support one another in their ministries.



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2. The "Just for Ministry Leaders" portion of the website has been expanded to include information, and tools to help manage the ministries. Consolidating the inner workings of the church to this site also frees up more space on our parish website to promote and welcome others to our church community.

**Bylaws Changes:**

Two motions were proposed to amend the Bylaws of the Pastoral Council.

First, Diana proposed that the language of Article V Section 8 be changed to require the Archdiocesan Abuse Awareness for new members to conform to Archdiocesan requirements.

Second, Peter proposed that the wording of Article V Section 1 be changed to allow up to 12 members, rather than specifically 12 members, as it now states.

It was agreed that Diana and Peter would send the Secretary their proposals and he would distribute them to the members so that they may be considered at the next meeting.

**Comments/Concerns from Parishioners:**

No comments or concerns were raised.

**Adjournment:**

Peter moved to adjourn and Vince seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:**

Msgr. Luna led the closing prayer.

Recorded by: Fred Becker

These minutes were reviewed, corrected and unanimously approved on

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

Verified by Leroy Chavez, Chair