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St Joseph on the Rio Grande Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, August 19, 2019

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 Leroy Chavez, Pastoral Council Chair.

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

 P Monsignor Luna

2020

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

2021

 P Erika Abeyta
 P Carol Gessing

2022

 P Fred Becker
 E Carla Cavalier
 P Tom Trujillo

Guests

Rick Farris, Vice Chair of the Finance Council.

Opening Prayer and Mission Statement:

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

Oath of Office:

Erika, Kathy, Vince, and Peter took the oath of office, received their medallions, and were commissioned to serve as Pastoral Council members.

Approval of the Agenda:

Peter moved to approve the agenda and Patrick seconded.

Finance Council Report/Update: Rick Farris

In July:

- \$18,000 of interest was paid on the Nazareth Center loan.
- Income was down 3%.
- Expenses were down 16%.
- The reduction in income and expenses are due to monthly fluctuations. Also, a maintenance position has not yet been filled.
- Msgr. Luna briefly described the financing of the Nazareth Center. A total of \$3.5 million was borrowed to be paid within 15 years.



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Fraud Policy:

All members of the PC that were present signed the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Fraud Policy and Fraud Response Plan.

Msgr. Luna's Comments:

- It was decided that the grand opening of the Nazareth Center should be delayed to allow additional work to be done. The grand opening is now scheduled for September 8th.
- Monsignor will be on vacation starting August 23rd and returning September 7th.
- The Archdiocese announced that parishes will celebrate a "Healing from Abuse" Mass for those affected by all types of physical and mental abuse on September 14th/15th.

Comments/Actions from the Chair:

- Committee assignments were distributed.
- The Opening Prayer Sign-up Sheet and a guideline for conducting opening prayers were distributed.
- Leroy acknowledged and thanked Kathy and Patrick for agreeing to serve another year on the Council.
- The PC Update Sign-up Sheet was distributed.

Parish Retreat Update:

- Vince gave the update. The retreat will be on October 12, 2019. The speaker will be Kathy Hendricks. She has been approved by the Archdiocese. The topic will be "Open Our Hearts: The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary". At this point the retreat is coming in under the budget of \$1,700. Travel cost for Kathy Hendricks is expected to be \$400.00 and her stipend is \$500.00.
- There are a number of details to be finalized. Vince called for a committee meeting on August 27th. The committee members are Leroy, Peter, Carla, and Fred.

Comments/Concerns from Parishioners:

- Round-up Spraying – A parishioner inquired about the spraying of Round-up in areas around the Church. Leroy and Diana led the discussion. It was pointed out that the Parish has very little influence over spraying outside church boundaries and it wasn't clear what actions the parishioner was requesting. Diana will attempt to clarify the matter with the parishioner.

Name Tag Sunday Follow-up:

- During the Annual Ministry Leaders Meeting it was proposed that parishioners would wear nametags on the fourth weekend of the month. A committee was formed which included Deacon George Miller, Michael Jones, Kevin Stamber, Jeannine Fried, and Jean Szymanski.



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- Leroy will inquire about the progress of the proposal from someone on the committee. The inquiry will be for information purposes only so that we may respond if a question is raised.

Second Collection for Catholic Charities:

- Ericka led the discussion. The second collection on August 24th/25th will be to benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities. Ericka asked for volunteers to read a prepared statement before the collection from the ambo. Leroy, Peter, and Kathy volunteered, as needed.

Adjournment:

- Vince moved to adjourn and Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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