

Our Lady of Lourdes
Pastoral Council
Minutes
August 23, 2018

In Attendance: Fr. Bob Benko, Sheila Borrero, Daisy Lynton, Barbara Diggs, Morina Williams, Louis Davis, Seth Isidore, Olga Villanueva

The meeting opened with a prayer

The council members introduced themselves and talked about the gifts that they bring to the council. A brief discussion of the history of the council ensued.

The council then talked about what a Pastoral Council does and doesn't do. Pastoral Councils advise pastors and work towards consensus but they never vote on issues. Pastoral Council members are the eyes and ears of the pastor.

Then we talked about confidentiality and that once the council advises the pastor and the pastor makes and decision then the entire council would support that decision.

The council was then asked to think about the leadership of the council. To prayerful consider if any individual wanted to be in a position of leadership as a skillful secretary or prudent chairperson. The council was also asked to identify one person of leadership quality from the community and present the name of that person at the next pastoral council meeting.

The council talked about the need for a short term Hispanic Comite. The idea of the Comite would be to engage and involve the Hispanic community with the goal of merging the pastoral council and the comite in the future.

The council reviewed some dates that Fr. Bob presented to the council. The council was asked to rebiew the list of dates and to bring other ideas to the next meeting.

Fr. Bob explained the item on the agenda called "What's the Buzz?" this is a time at every council meeting where the members are asked to let Fr. Bob know what the "Buzz" is around the parish. Fr. Bob informed the council that he can't fix what he doesn't know is broken.

The next meeting was set for September 13, 2018 at 7pm in the Library in the school building.

Faithfully Submitted in Christ,

Fr. Bob Benko OFM Conv.
Pastor/Temporary secretary