

St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting October 21, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Silvia Albularach, Jane Coburn, Craig Correa, Jim Damron, Mark Dirlam, Teri Dwyer, Joe Feyder, Daniel Flores, Debbie Hynes, Justin Lizama, Sally McClean, Fr. Mike Salah

Members Absent: Michelle Aldridge, Brian Dekowzan, Fr. Dan Gallagher, Janet Leonard-Walker

Gospel Reading (Luke 18:9-14) & Opening Prayer

Review and Approval of September 16 Meeting Minutes

Report on Parish Picnic: Jim Damron reported on the September 29 Parish Picnic which was enjoyed by more than 400 parishioners. Special thanks to all the individuals and groups that supported the event: Knights of Columbus, Sodality, Boy Scouts, Spanish Ministry, Pastoral Council, Eileen Kutchak, Don Titzman, Luisa Duarte, Betty Gill, Annie and Mike McHugh, Anna Zdanis, and numerous others. Changing the start time from 2:00 p.m., as had been done in previous years, to 12:30 p.m. worked out well.

Parish Issues and Concerns

- In response to a request from a parishioner that we consider eliminating the invitation to greet those sitting nearby before the Mass begins, the Council discussed the matter and the pros and cons of continuing or eliminating. It was decided to monitor the situation for the next month to get a sense of the parish on the matter and discuss again at the November meeting.
- In response to a request from a parishioner that we list the names of all Council members in the bulletin, it was decided to continue listing a rotating list of two names with phone numbers each week in the bulletin and refer other requests to the web site where the full list can be viewed in the Pastoral Council meeting minutes.
- In response to requests from parishioners, Fr. Morrow is beginning a weekly “Women of Grace” program
- Some parishioners have expressed an interest in changing the current chapel into an enclosed space where we could have daily Eucharistic Adoration. Fr. Salah outlined

how this might be accomplished but said there were a number of other more critical capital priorities at the present time that must be addressed first. The Adoration Chapel project could be revisited in 2020.

- The Council will discuss at the November meeting how we might re-launch the Ministry Fare that has been held in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.