

## St. Raphael Catholic Church Pastoral Council

### Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2020

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

**Members Present:** Silvia Abularach, Jane Coburn, Craig Correa, Jim Damron, Mark Dirlam, Joe Feyder, Debbie Hynes, Sally McClean, Fr. Tom Morrow, Fr. Michael Salah, Fr. Bill Wadsworth

**Chair's Opening Remarks:** Pastoral Council chair, Jim Damron welcomed Walter Gunz, as the new representative from the Spanish Council for the current year. Jim also commended Annie McHugh for her excellent work in redesigning the parish web site to make it a more attractive and dynamic resource for our community.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** The meeting minutes from the June and September 2020 meetings were approved with one correction on the attendee lists for the meetings.

**Church Security System Update:** Council members shared their thoughts about the new security cameras that have been installed outside the church entrance, and especially the proposal to install a monitor in the narthex to display the camera views. The case for the monitor is that it would: (1) enable the ushers to see any approaching threat from the outside; (2) to provide a deterrent effect by having the camera views visible to anyone attempting to do harm; and (3) provide a forensic record of any adverse events.

All Council members were in favor of the cameras; however, some members felt it would be inappropriate to have the monitor displaying the camera views as parishioners entered the church. Fr. Mike asked that Council members consider the matter further, talk with other parishioners, and report back within a week.

**Pastor's Remarks:** Fr. Mike reported that there has been a significant increase in requests from needy people in our community for financial assistance. In response, the church has added to the Poor Box fund and also contributed to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Replacement of the roof on the Trumpet Room, which has been in need of attention for some time, will move forward. Fr. Mike also reported that although we cannot use Richie Park School for Christmas masses this year, we still will have multiple mass options, including an 11:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve.

**School Update:** Teri Dwyer reported the the teachers and students have adapted well to the Covid-related restrictions and continue to benefit from the generous donation of a technology learning platform by a parishioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.