

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL, 2018**

Attendees: Fr. Jesse, Steve Melaragno, Mr. Mo, Valentine Moreno, Jesus Salazar, Elizabeth Heredia, Tina Robledo, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened at 7:00 with prayer.

March minutes were read and approved.

Old Business

- We have received 4 bids on the A/C—3 around \$90,000 and 1 for \$65,000 using existing system and replacing parts. All bids have been sent to the Diocesan Legal Dept to be checked over. Ordering should take about a month and installation about a week. Steve suggested that we try to plan the installation around the festival weekend since we'll only be having 1 mass in the church that weekend.
- Part Time Music Director – We have received one resume. The candidate is over-qualified and wage requirements are too much. Fr. Jesse will send a job description to the Music Chancellor at Brazosport College.
- We decided to suspend the refreshment portion of Hospitality until further notice. We will continue to recognize and bless birthdays and anniversaries.

New Business

- 2018 Festival scheduled for May 19/20. We are in full festival mode. Norma and Tina have ordered 2 3'x12' banners online for \$149. They should arrive on 4/9. Fr Jesse's family will be doing a "garage sale" booth and may need more space. We need someone to take over the Hamburger booth. We need to position the Monster Video truck better and advertise more. We need volunteers to chaperone kid items like a water slide and a jump house. Everyone needs to sell raffle tickets. Fr would like raffle tickets to be sold after masses, especially the 5 pm Sunday mass since there are always lots of visitors.
- Tina is trying to organize casino trips to raise money for the festival. Thinking about planning 3 or 4 trips per year.
- We have a bid of \$9,368 to cover all the cushions, kneelers and sanctuary chairs. We discussed the possibility of funding this by having parishioners sponsor pews.
- Fr Jesse discussed an Apostolate program called Rejoice which provides counseling services. Parishes group together and share in the expense of the program. A fee is charged for each service, but it is adapted to the family's needs. St. Michael's and St. Jerome's are both interested. Fr will get more information.
- We're in the black on our finances. DSF is at \$16,000. In the coming weeks, we will have a representative from Catholic Charities speak at mass. There will be a 2nd collection at that mass for DSF.
- Fr Jesse's 2 year anniversary is this month. We will have a pot luck "surprise" party on April 27.
- Virtus Protecting God's Children in Spanish on June 1. The refresher in English on May 5.

Adjourned at 8:40 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Blanchard, Council Member