

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER, 2019**

Attendees: Fr. Okoye, Steve Melaragno, Jesus Salazar, Tina Robledo, Arthur Moreno, Valentine Moreno, Willie Garcia, Aaron Ware, Deacon Felipe Garza, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened at 7:10 with prayer.

October minutes were read, amended, and approved.

Old Business

- Deacon Wally will be retiring with faculty. Fr asked Deacon Wally to choose a date for his retirement reception.
- Michael and Elsa Gonzales have met with Jesus and Lucy Salazar to discuss the Hispanic breakfast fundraiser program Fr would like to get started.

New Business

- Ignite—Testimonials at every mass this weekend, Nov 9/10. Will also be handing out pledge cards. 18% of our goal has been pledged. Thank you letters sent to those that came to the meeting and those that pledged. After this weekend, letters from the Diocese will go out. Nov 16/17 will encourage more pledges.
- Discussed applying for Dow grants. Stephen Shawver could possibly provide assistance on this.
- Fr. mentioned the back of the bulletin is mostly memorials. He would like to see more businesses. Willie requested bulletins from other local parishes so he can look at their back pages to figure out what approach for sponsorship.
- Parish Hall Renovation – Trying to choose an architect. Diocese has to approve our choice. The committee will be meeting with Walter Branson. Another possible person to speak with is Harold Hurnzer. Suggestion was made to talk to other parishes who have done renovations.
- Festival – Dates will be May 16/17. Knights should have their tickets for the BBQ pit raffle soon. The goal is to have the Festival raffle tickets out by January. Fr. suggested we invite other parishes to our festival. The suggestion was also made to hire two groups to play for the dance—one geared toward English speakers and one for Hispanics.
- Food Truck – Usually helps about 250 families. Steve suggested we hand out our “visitor” info cards to people and take advantage of the opportunity to evangelize. Food trucks will not be scheduled in December.
- Pastoral Council and Finance Committee, along with spouses, will have a Christmas get-together on Dec 12 at 7PM in the rectory. Dinner will be catered.
- Fr will be going on vacation Dec 25-Jan 15. Next meeting will be on Wed, Feb 5. We will start with a retreat and try to start cycling people on/off the Council.

Adjourned at 8:50 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member