

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY, 2020**

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

Meeting convened at 7:20 with prayer.

November minutes were read and approved.

**Old Business**

- Deacon Wally wants to postpone a retirement reception until Kathy is able to attend.

**New Business**

- Ignite goal is approx \$260,000. We are within \$10,000 of meeting that goal. Fr will make an appeal at all masses this weekend. All that is needed is 20 families to commit to \$20/month for the 4 years.
- Festival – Dates will be May 16/17. Preparations are underway. Willie is working on booking the entertainment and trying to get the most out of the sponsorship money. We discussed the liquor license and possibly requesting volunteer groups to purchase their beer at the festival rather than bring their own. Ramona and Sylvia are doing the Silent Auction . We won't have the Agua Frescas booth this year. Willie to speak with Cindy to see if she would handle that on Sunday. Fr will have a booth serving African food.
- Parish Hall Renovation – Met with Walter Branson, who is not an architect, but he has a design program to work with. Steve and Tim Kelty showed Walter around and provided input as to what we would like to see. Walter provided a design layout for the committee, but has not provided pricing yet. Diocese has to approve whatever we decide to do.
- Fr. has talked with 4 people to possibly serve on Pastoral Council. They are praying about it. Hopefully, by next month, we can start rotating people out. Steve, Mr. Mo, and Jesus have been on Council for 12 years, Willie, 7 ½ years, Johanna 6 ½ years, and Aaron 2 years. To be in compliance with Canon Law, parish staff should not be attending Council meetings. Also a week before meetings, Steve will send a proposed agenda to Fr. There will be Parish Council Training in Houston on Feb 22.
- Fr would like to get a projection system for the church instead of using the TVs on the stands. We discussed possible scenarios.
- Fr discussed his concern for the lack of youth at the 5pm Sunday Mass. He would like to have more involvement. Will speak with Juan and Michael.
- Next meeting is March 4.

Adjourned at 8:50 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member