

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

Attendees: Fr. Okoye, Steve Melaragno, Tim Kelty, Sara Gomez, Noe Castro, Aaron Ware, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened on 6/3/20 at 7:10 pm with prayer.

March minutes were read and approved.

Old Business

- Tim reviewed layout with Walter Branson. Discussed moving A/C out to parking lot and extending the closet. Walter would like to bring an engineer to provide detailed drawings and from that determine the estimated cost of the project. Tim will be meeting with the Building Committee hopefully before the end of June. The Building Committee consists of Tim Kelty, Steve Melaragno, Irene Ocanas, Mike Skalski, Michael Gonzales, Lorenzo Gomez, Willie Garcia, Sonia Montoya, and Shirley Theriot. Fr. would like to present something to the parishioners so they can see what is going on and be a part of the process.
- People are still making their Ignite contributions. We are receiving money back from the Archdiocese on an ongoing basis.
- Due to CoVid, our Parish Festival dates have been changed to Aug 15-16. Hopefully all facilities at the park will be open by then. The Festival Committee will meet next week. We discussed the fact that we may have fewer auction items since we haven't been able to have the breakfast fundraisers and garage sales. Also discussed possibly having chicken instead of brisket because of the rising beef costs.
- Fr. would like for Steve to having something to present at next meeting, if possible, on the projection system for the church.
- Parish Council Structure – Fr. has invited Tim Kelty, Sara Gomez, and Noe Castro to serve on Parish Council. If they choose to serve, Fr. would like to make it official at the next meeting, and have 3 current members (based on tenure) step down. Fr. made it clear that even though current members may be stepping down, their advice and input will always be welcome.

New Business

- Fr. would like to reduce our lawn mowing expense. He would like to see parishioners volunteering to mow the grass every 2 or 3 months in order to save on the expense. He will also talk to our current contractor to see if he will lower his price. Tim mentioned he has a fairly new riding mower that he no longer needs. He would be happy to donate to the church for lawn maintenance.
- Fr. questioned the need for opening another Mass. This past weekend, the 9am Mass had approx. 65 people. The 11am Mass is poorly attended. The 25% max is 75 people. We decided when attendance hits that mark, we will open another Mass.

- Our bulletin publishers offer a “broadcast” service in the form of an app that can be downloaded for quick communication purposes. Mike Skalski would be willing to coordinate this if we are interested. Fr. suggested we invite him to the next meeting to tell us more about this service.

Next meeting is Wed, 7/8/20

Adjourned at 9 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member