

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

Attendees: Fr. Okoye, Steve Melaragno, Tim Kelty, Sara Gomez, Noe Castro, Willie Garcia, Mr. Mo and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened on 9/9/20 at 7:20 pm.

June minutes were read and approved.

Old Business

- Steve will get with Juan Cisneros on projection system for church
- Parish Council Structure – Tim Kelty, Sara Gomez, and Noe Castro have (with this meeting) attended 2 meetings to get an idea of what the Parish Council does. They need to let Fr know if they are still interested in serving on the Council. Our next meeting we will talk about discerning members off.
- Ignite – Diocese doing maintenance on the system so we have not had a report since July. Approximately \$39,000 has been paid in and \$13,000 deposited to St. Mary's savings account.
- Tim presented drawings for Parish Hall renovation. Quote for Kitchen approx \$212,666 with alternate quotes for appliances ranging from \$12,708 to \$19,804. These quotes do not include flooring and lighting in the Hall and exterior grease trap. Quote for vent hood and fire suppression approx \$13,833. Tim will try to meet with building committee soon to work out all details. Once done, will go back to Fr. who will go to the diocese building commission. At some point, it needs to go to Finance Council since total is approx \$300,000 and only \$70,000 will be coming from Ignite, leaving approx \$230,000 left for St. Mary's to pay.
- Fr. met with Blanca on lawn mowing and rates were reduced from \$800 to \$600/mo. Fr. spoke with Finance to come up with written agreement for mowing so everyone knows expectations. Fr. also spoke with Steve Shawver about the Knights assisting with lawn mowing. He is waiting to hear back from Steve Shawver.
- Did not have final results of our Festival on Aug 15/16. BBQ sales were close to what we do at the park. Aaron to have a Festival meeting next week and hopefully will have final results. The Festival team is also trying to figure out a way to use the 30-40 live auction items. Would like to have live and virtual auction 2nd weekend in October.

New Business

- We discussed current Mass schedule. Fr. mentioned we have a lot of online followers to the daily mass at noon. We decided to leave the schedule as is. If we see a need, we can add the 5:30 Sat mass back later.

- Fr. mentioned there is enough activity to support extending the office hours. Starting on Monday, 9/14, the office hours will be 8:30am-4:00pm Monday thru Thursday. Tina and Monica will be working that schedule.
- In order to enhance live-streaming of mass, Fr. would like to have wifi connectivity in the Church and Parish Hall. Currently, we have Comcast in the office. Fr. had the IT person from St. Michael's check out our situation. According to him, we need to have a different connection for the church. There is a closet full of wires. Steve will talk with Tina and maybe have Comcast and the IT person check to see if these wires can be used.
- Fr. plans to leave Oct 21 for his mother's funeral to take place on Nov 4. We would like to take up a collection to help Fr. with expenses which should be around \$12,500. Irene with Finance Council suggested contacting certain individuals requesting support. We also discussed having 1 special collection. Steve will coordinate with Irene.
- DSF goal is \$25,000. At this point, we are \$9,000 short and will be needing to make up the difference.
- We are looking for a housekeeper for the rectory and the office. Pay is \$12/hr for an 18 hr week, cleaning offices during the off hours.

Next meeting is Wed, 10/7/20

Adjourned at 8:45 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member