

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council June 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Chairperson STEPHEN LUNSFORD Vice-Chair AURORA FRAGOZO-AGUIRRE, Secretary/Councilor: CAROL AIVAGEDIS, DEB BRYANT, JEFF ECKER, ANN HENNESSEY, CARLENE HESS, TONY HOCK, STACY McCARLEY, AMELINA MENDOZA, MICHAEL SILVA

Ex Officio in attendance: Pastor Father RODOLFO LLAMAS, JANET BRABENDER Excused: Father BONY ARACKAL, Father PAT LEE, Sister NANCY McINERNEY

Opening Prayer and Reflection (led by Fr. Llamas)

Outreach Report and Draft Survey (led by Deb and Ann)

Per June Agenda, as follows:

2011 St. Joseph Parish Outreach Survey

Dear Parishioners,

Your Parish Pastoral Council has taken the ideas you shared at the Outreach and Ministry Faire from last May, and constructed a survey to follow up on needs and priorities. The information from this survey will be used to direct the planning decisions of the parish throughout the next year or so. Of course, these decisions will be guided by the initiatives of the 3rd Diocesan Synod and Fr. Llamas' vision, the constraints of our parish budget, and most importantly, the willingness of volunteers to bring these ideas to life by the contribution of their time, talents, and treasure! Would you please take a few minutes to complete this survey? There are no right or wrong answers. Please use the scale below to respond to each item. Write the number from 1 to 3 that best represents your opinion. When complete, place in the Parish Pastoral Council box in the vestibule. Thank you once again for helping to make St. Joseph the very best parish that we can envision!

1 – Agree 2 – Disagree 3 – No Opinion or Undecided

1. ___ I need a sign language interpreter at Mass. If so, which Mass? _____
2. ___ There is a need for a young adult ministry (18-35 year olds).
3. ___ I would be willing to participate in a Christian Life Community (8-12 people who meet in each others' homes for a small-group faith gathering around a meal).
4. ___ I would be willing to participate in a Theology-on-Tap meeting (a small group of people who meet at a local eatery/coffee shop to discuss issues of faith).
5. ___ I do support each ministry periodically holding get-togethers after Mass to introduce themselves, and discuss their ministries with parishioners.
6. ___ It is important to have ministers greet me as I enter for worship.

7. ____ It is desirable to have a yearly appreciation dinner to celebrate the service of all of those who serve in ministries.
8. ____ It is important to have a "Newborn Ministry," welcoming babies into our community and assisting parents in their new role.
9. ____ It is important that St. Joseph Parish expand ties with other faiths in our community.
10. ____ I would use a suggestion box.
11. ____ It is desirable to publicize parish events in the Catholic Herald/Elk Grove Citizen/Sacramento Bee.
12. ____ I am satisfied with the amount of information provided on the parish website.
13. ____ I feel left out of parish life.
14. Which mass do you regularly attend? Circle: 4:30 pm 7:30 am 9 am 10:45 am 1 pm
15. Are you comfortable with the current mass schedule? Circle: Yes No
Do you have any suggestions?

Please continue on the other side.

16. I support having some type of welcoming event on a regular basis for new parishioners. Circle: Yes No

If so, how often should such an event be held?

Once a month ____ Once every two months ____

Once every liturgical season ____ Twice a year ____ Once a year ____

17. In which of the following ministries do you currently participate? Check all that apply.

Music ____

Children's Liturgy ____

CFF ____

Eucharistic Ministry ____

Consolation Ministry ____

Lector ____

Youth Ministry/VBS ____

Finance Council ____

Pastoral Council ____

Granny's Attic ____

RCIA ____

St Vincent De Paul Society ____

Knights of Columbus ____

Parish Festival ____

Arts and Environment ____

Other: Please specify _____

18. In which of the following potential church-sponsored groups might you have an interest? Check all that apply.

Family social activity ____

Movie night ____

Bridge/pinochle/card game(s) group ____

Married couples' group ____

Single's group ____

Catholic moms' group ____

Toddler play dates group _____ Citizenship classes _____
 Cooking club _____ Health/nutrition/wellness classes _____
 Book club _____ Welcoming Group _____
 Exercise group _____ Other: Please specify _____

19. Are there any groups from item 18 that you are willing to facilitate? If so, please circle it and provide contact information.

Name _____ email/phone _____

20. For the next Outreach and Ministry Faire, at what day/time should this event be held?

Friday evening after dinner time (~ 6:30 pm) _____ Sunday afternoon (~ 2:30 pm) _____
 Saturday afternoon before Vigil Mass _____ Sunday evening (~ 6:30 pm) _____
 Saturday evening after Vigil Mass _____

We welcome comments and suggestions:

Please place completed surveys in the Parish Pastoral Council box in the vestibule. Thank you.

 -2011 St. Joseph Parish Outreach Survey—2nd Draft discussed line by line with ideas and possible revisions. Items added to line item 18 (potential church-sponsored groups of interest) adding Altar Society, Clean-up (after-Mass), and Bible Study.

Carol is asked if the Art & Environment Committee has responsibilities that would be in relation to an Altar Society, she states that it has not been responsible, and is not at this time interested in taking care of the duties required by this ministry. And regarding a clean-up ministry; that the Eucharistic Ministers for each Mass have previously been assigned multiple duties including Extraordinary Minister of Communion, before and after-Mass hospitality, and after-Mass housekeeping (care of vessels, tidying pews, straitening missalettes, etc.) and that if these extra duties are not being met perhaps the EM's should be reminded as with previous annual or bi-annual meetings of their responsibilities, or else a revision of their responsibilities should be considered. And regarding a bible study, then offered a recent history of previous bible studies held (our parish, numbering 4-5 since 2007); suggested that the Council ask Fr. Pat Lee to lead a new one if interest is shown.

Jeff reminds all that our Diocese offers a Tuesday night ongoing Scripture Institute at the Pastoral Center on Broadway in Sacramento.

Deb offers that she is certified through our Diocese to lead a bible study and would be happy to do so.

Ann inquires if there is some type of leadership training that would be offered for new leaders of ministries, and it is offered that our Diocese is offering one currently; Ministry Basic Training Series.

Action Item: Ann and Deb to submit results of previous Communication Survey for bulletin publication.

Action Item: Ann and Deb to finalize Parish Outreach Survey for Pew-Poll in coming weeks.

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council 3-year Plan (led by Steven)

--Topics discussed; 3rd edition of the Roman Missal, and our parish's 50th Anniversary celebration ideas.

-Role of Parish Pastoral Council and the New Translation of the Roman Missal discussed.

Carol offered that the Liturgy Committee's main focus at this time is of the same origin and that our role should be in support of their lead and efforts.

Fr. Llamas was asked to elaborate on some of the plans being considered, and with Liturgy Committee Members present; Stacy and Carol, ideas that had been discussed at the May meeting were shared including; using the Renwald room as a base set-up for before and after-Masses at the start of Advent and the implementation of the 3rd edition to educate our community regarding the changes by way of our priests and LC members answering questions and showing Diocesan approved educational tools (DVD's, etc.) to better explain. Also pew cards will be ordered and/or made to supplement new missalettes.

Mike offered that in his opinion the process should start immediately to prepare our community before the start of Advent with change already being implemented at that time.

Carlene informed us that Fr. Terry Fulton, pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish, has already started educating their community through their bulletin and offering opportunities for parishioners to participate, she suggested that our parish along with Rancho Murieta should partnership in these efforts.

Action Item: Stacy and Carol are asked to liaison between committees to relay information.

-50th Anniversary Celebration year – January, 2012

Janet gives brief history of the parish and its having been moved from the previous location of Grove Street in 1962.

Much discussion and ideas for celebrating and combining efforts with present events such as our Parish Festival and May celebration of St. Joseph/Marachi Festival.

Ann suggests we create a logo contest and invite parishioners to supply an artwork sample to be used for our Jubilee year, with parishioners voting for the winner. Ideas to use the logo include promotional items such as t-shirts, reusable bags, coffee mugs, etc.

Janet and Ann have experience with, and suggest a photo directory of parishioners with history and stories from our community about the parish and parish life spanning the last 50 years.

Action Item: Ann to submit to our bulletin an article requesting volunteers for preparations TBD for contest and celebration.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Llamas)

-Fr. Llamas talks about the past year being dedicated to our youth, and that this year he would like to dedicate the year (beginning our fiscal year) to social justice and 2 groups that correlate with this motivation in ministry organizations; the SVDP, and the Knights of Columbus. He has already talked with the leads of the organizations within our parish; Nina Heim and Bill Montoya (2011 Grand Knight), and would like to offer the display cases in the vestibule to educate/promote these organizations to our parish community.

Action Item: Fr. Llamas to come up with ideas to promote, educate, and invite our parish to participate and support above mentioned.

-Fr. Llamas informs council that our Diocese will no longer be offering a Pre-Cana invitation to our engaged couples seeking to married in our church, and that this responsibility will fall Diocesan-wide to each parish administration. He has already started considering married couples from our own laity to guide engaged couples in this process, with the criteria for eligibility be; good-standing, grounded in faith, and happy.

Council members ask questions; how will the new ministry leads be selected and trained, has Paul Seisas (our resident Psychologist) been consulted, what has been the process previously and how will it be changed, etc.

Fr. Llamas briefly explains process to married in the church, and states that there are still Pre-Cana programs in place throughout this coming year.

Council informed of serious budget crisis; probable employee/staff cut. After discussion Council assures Fr. Llamas of their help in fundraising for the necessary funds to insure this staff members' employment security through this year.

Review and Approval of May Minutes

May minutes not yet available to review; they will be addressed at a later date.

Approval of April Minutes

Approved

PPC Applications (led by Steven)

From June Agenda as follows:

Proposed Timeline

1. Bulletin announcement on April 23/24 or wait until the next weekend?
2. Personally solicit parish members
3. Pulpit Announcement
4. Application review by all council members by the end of July
5. Final review during August meeting
6. Notification to applicants after August meeting
7. First meeting and introduction of new members in September

-Current application submissions reviewed and considered by all.

SJPPC Hospitality on June 26 (led by Steven)

Action Item: Steven will email council members asking for Mass coverage for hospitality responsibilities.

Other action items from prior meetings

From June Agenda as follows:

1. Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine - parish wide involvement
2. Publish names of existing SJPPC Members in the parish bulletin as stated in By-Laws – This will happen after the new members join the council in September
3. Fr. Llamas discussion with Bishop Soto's office regarding the 2nd Collection

-Limited time for discussion.

Closing prayer (led by Fr. Llamas)Dismissal