

St. Joseph Pastoral Parish Council

Minutes of October 12, 2010 Meeting

Present: Chair Stephen Lunsford, Carol Aivagedis, Aurora Fragozo-Aguirre, Ann Hennessey, Deb Bryant, Eliseo Garcia, Tony Hock, Michael Silva, Carlene Hess, Russ Tereau, Amelina Mendoza, Stacy McCarley

Excused: Fr. Rodolfo Llamas, Jeff Ecker, Sr. Nancy McInerny

Opening Prayer led by Stephen Lunsford

Approval and review of September minutes

Action: Approved

Agenda Item (Eagle Scout Presentation)

*A Junior Jesuit, Student of Jesuit High School, Eagle Scout explains plans and intentions to Committee for his Eagle Scout group to build/construct a Rosary Garden in the SW front corner of the church grounds next to the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as a service project for his school and Scout troop. After discussing this with Fr. Rodolfo Llamas and Janet Brabender (office manager) was asked to present the idea for his plans and actions of fundraising and construction for said project, with diagrams and ideas from other parishes to Pastoral Committee.

* The Scout stated that the project should take approximately ten weeks to construct using stones handmade from quick-cement molds with added dye, and other materials for the ground between the stones i.e., the lawn being replaced with some kind of gravel or stone.

*Discussion and questions were asked about donations and personalization of stones and bench seating. Russ Tereau referred Paul to the next Knight's of Columbus meeting to ask the Knights to donate the bench.

Action: Approved

Reflection on Prayer (Led by Stephen Lunsford)

*Volunteer for November meeting for prayer and reflection; Amelina Mendoza.

Pastor's report (Fr. Llamas)

*No report, Pastor excused for Priest Study Days for Diocese of Sacramento.

Procedure for Meeting Minutes discussed; selection for new-acting Secretary

*Carol Aivagedis had been asked to take over as new acting secretary for Committee meetings, replacing Ann Hennessey at her request.

*Actual minute-procedure for was discussed by Stephen Lunsford and Ann Hennessey for Carol to take and prepare minutes and email to new Vice-Chair for any changes and/or corrections and correspond with VC until complete, then VC will email to all Committee member and also email final to Nez Lourence (office reception), and then save appropriately for archives on flash-drive.

Agenda Item Vice-Chair Selection

*Chair Stephen Lunsford has selected Aurora Fragozo-Aguirre for Procedure for Meeting Minutes discussed. Someone commented that the choice of Aurora for VC position to would be a great way to help blend Spanish and English Communities.

*Seconded by Tony Hock.

Action: Approved

Agenda Item Finance Committee Update/Report (Carlene Hess)

* Carlene presented the Annual Finance Committee Report with a net operating net income of <\$ -147,112.00> or \$19,181.00 (not including St. Maria Goretti Parish contributions). There was talk about cutting staff positions and it was stated that Mary Carrillo was working with our parish staff as an auditor to make sure that each office and paid position was not being duplicated, and that our parish was “trying not to lay anyone off.” Much discussion ensued with ideas to save the parish money.

Council members offered:

cutting staff and making the positions volunteer based as it used to be “volunteers vs. hired help” for office staff, maintenance staff, contracted landscape maintenance, Mike Silva offered to lead the landscape maintenance volunteers;

discussion about Saint Maria Goretti Parish donations and what the process is to NOT continue contributions; Deb Bryant offered that we are on a 5-year mandatory donation per the Sacramento Diocese and that we had 3-years left to complete our commitment. Some council members wanted to see if we could by-pass this agreement;

**Discussion was at a level that was no longer prayerful and Ann Hennessey asked to be recognized by the Chair to restore a peaceful tone and decorum.*

discussion regarding a “lack of efficiency” in the office and “rewriting their duties” for parish staff;

Mike Silva to request “list of jobs,” and “descriptions of work for volunteers”;

Carlene Hess will email Janet Brabender with Financial Committee concerns, roof work will start soon. All paperwork has been approved by the Diocese. Interior still needs to be addressed.

Agenda Item Money Raising Subcommittee (Mike Silva)

Roof repair fundraising; Mike Silva suggests using raffles and dinners and says it's the easiest and most effective way to fundraise would be a 2nd collection for the first weekend of each month with advance notice in the bulletin. And by making sure that our Church knows that we are in “dire straits,” and it be suggested by announcement or bulletin that we ask our parishioners to “give up one thing a week” in order to tithe more;

Ann Hennessey suggest an idea to sell personalized plaques as she had seen at another parish in a wall display of a Family Tree of Life;

discussion regarding permission from diocese and/or the Bishop's office for approval for project envelopes.

Action Item Usher Coordination (Russ Tereau)

Russ Tereau announced that he will be the ministry lead for the ushers and will be holding a meeting to coordinate for the monthly 2nd collections;

wrap up- Stephen Lunsford, Mike Silva and Russ Tereau will look into announcements being made for all second collections, and if our Bishop's approval will be needed for our roof's 2nd collection.

Action Item Dress Code and Enforcement

Lots of discussion-- “an issue or not an issue?” Carol Aivagedis suggested that each lead provide direction in this area as a formation process and invitation for each minister to look their most respectable as role models for all parishioners during liturgies.

Agenda Item Hospitality Weekend (Stephen Lunsford)

sign-ups for Mass times for hospitality and Mass announcements settled;

food to be purchased and delivered by Ann Hennessey, then Russ Tereau will store for services to each Mass;

Steven Lunsford will publish list of duties and announcement.

Agenda Item Communications Subcommittee

waived for November's meeting.

Agenda Item PPC Retreat Subcommittee Report (Deb Bryant)

Deb Bryant addressed council with lack of responses for upcoming dates to retain for retreat;

discussion about cost and concern for needs of a breakdown for the SJPPC budget and expenses for the last retreat.

Agenda Item Youth Ministry Update (Amelina Mendoza)

Tony Hock expresses immediate concerns with the Challenge Youth Group being associated with the Legionaries of Christ Group. Amelina Mendoza responds with information regarding the association as being a 3rd order ministry, and gives an update on what the Challenge Group is doing with the 40-Days-for-Life movement and sidewalk ministry with the Youth Group;

discussion ensues with Ann Hennessy questioning Amelina Mendoza as to what age you would make children aware of the social justice issue of on-demand abortion.

Roundtable Discussion Led by Chair

Events photos to be submitted to office for publication on parish web-site; focus of last retreat's outcome being the Outreach/Ministry Fair idea; Carol Aivagedis asks what has been any outcome of the Fair and information gathered.

Closing Prayer (Amelina Mendoza)

Meeting Adjourned