

St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church

THURSDAY JUNE 21ST, 2018 7:15PM (AT ST. IGNATIUS LIVING ROOM) - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members Present: **Deidre Acord, Michael Arguello, Cody Baker, Catherine Cardenas, Fred Galindo, Jose Maia, Joyce Pulich, Dorcas Rockwell, Tony Slagle, Fr. Dennis Strach II, Fr. John Dougherty.**

Absent: **Carlos Alpuche, Loretta Lozano, Rafael Riojas**

Guests or visiting: Discerned members **Kate Meyers, DeAnn Walker** were present, but **Jose Peña** was absent. **Grant Robinett** attended and has been nominated by Fr. John to replace Catherine Cardenas as youth liaison. **Andrew Hamaty** and **Brian Vetter** attended as postulants, while **Felipe Campos, CSC** attended as seminarian.

Opening Prayer – Fr. Dennis read from Holy Cross Constitution 3 - PRAYER, followed by reflection of Parish Council members.

Introduction of the participants – all

Review of the minutes – The May 17th minutes were voted on and approved with minor corrections. Michelle Fontana will ensure they are posted.

Pastor's Report – Fr. John shared the results from his attendance at the Holy Cross annual meeting. Parish growth is straining parish operations and organization. Fr. John had contacted PCW consultants, made further inquiries, per May minutes, and obtained positive referrals.

Capital Campaign – Personalized letter will be sent soon. Parishioners have been well satisfied with the new e-giving system VANCO and Fr. John will keep reminding parishioners to sign-up (advantages mentioned in previous minutes).

Renovation of the confessionals on the East side of the Church will start soon. The physical arrangement of the information booth, in the foyer, is continuing under the supervision of Michelle Fontana.

School report – Budgeted for 230 enrollment and reduced staff to accommodate lower enrollment numbers, per May minutes. Enrollment has bounced back to 220.

The PA system within the school is being renovated, providing better and faster communication.

Youth Ministries – Catherine shared that a large number (48) of high school students were confirmed. Upcoming activities and events:

- Steubenville-Texas in Irving will draw about 5000 youth and our parish will have a number of participants as well.
- Summer mission trip at Community First! Village will start this weekend, with students remaining there for 2-3 days. Help and food donations are needed and welcomed.

- ND Vision trip for 6 youth is still in need of monetary donations.
- More members are needed for the Youth group core team especially for middle school.
- Cross training for high school freshmen went well.
- Youth group activities during July and August will keep youth engaged.

Strategic plan – Members were not able to meet prior to this meeting. Approved mission statement was reviewed to state: *“St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church is an active parish through liturgy, education, and service. In the tradition of the Congregation of Holy Cross, we make God known, loved, and served by our prayers and actions.”*. The statement was reviewed at the January meeting and corrected at the February meeting to the above final version.

New Business – Rectory renovations are continuing, but architectural planning has expanded the alternatives. Construction has not yet begun.

New members to the Pastoral council – Fr. John appointed Grant Robinett as youth liaison member to the council, based on suggestion from Youth group leaders.

Current Business – Proposed amendment to Parish Council Bylaws, per May minutes, was signed by all members of the Pastoral Council. Fr. John will obtain final approval from the Diocese.

Council members ceasing functions: **Fred Galindo, Jose Maia and Carlos Alpuche**

New officers of the Parish Council were elected:

Chair: **Tony Slagle** Vice-Chair: **Deidre Acord** Recorder: **Joyce Pulich**

Closing prayer – Fred.

Future Meetings – Pastoral Council 2018: 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/TBD

Pastoral Council 2019: 1/17, 2/21, 3/28, 5/16, 6/20

Finance Council 2018: 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/15, 12/TBD

Finance Council 2019: 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jose Maia