

St. Joseph's Pastoral Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2018

Opening

Fr. Jorge opened the meeting of the Pastoral Council with a prayer. Group met for one hour (6 PM – 7 PM) before joining Finance Council in back of Parish Hall.

In Attendance

Fr. Jorge

Pastoral Council: Veronica Saray, Fernando Villapando, Juan Alvarado, Rosanne Lampariello (via phone for last part of meeting) and Sonja Bush. Absent: Dave Dore and Priscilla Guerrero

Finance Council: Joe Price, Olga Avila, and Tom Altenbach. Absent: Maribel Castillo, Ralph Obenberger

Guests: Carolyn Balliet, Kathy Cage, Tom Cage

Agenda

1. Project in Diocese to increase collections.

- a. Requires committee and Fr. Jorge has asked Maurena Rojas to lead the committee, Sonja to be in charge of communications (English), Sandra and Marco in charge of communications (Spanish), Veronica to be secretary. Next meeting to be announced.

2. Whole Human Care project focusing on care of terminally ill.

- a. Dr. Michael Dillon and Carolyn Balliet to lead this effort.

3. Planning annual St. Joseph Festival for each May.

4. Ministry Brochure

- a. Was prepared/developed by Sonja and handed to Roseanne for completion. Follow up with Roseanne so brochure can be finalized prior to end of November 2018.

5. Parish Survey

- a. Jorge seeking ideas for Parish Survey to be distributed in December timeframe. Looking for input on a variety of items including daily Mass times, ministries, areas for improvement. Submit ideas to Fr. Jorge.

6. Parish Council Membership and Meetings

- a. Discussion regarding elections and regularly scheduled meetings. Planning on election prior to year-end 2018 and will evaluate every other month meetings.

7. Marketing

- a. Juan to evaluate a 30 second spot on the Mammoth Channel (Dan McConnel) where Fr. Jorge can promote St. Josephs.
- b. Kathy to research options for “pay on the spot” donations (scan a QR code, link in newsletter, etc.) to increase donations.

- c. Next meeting discuss quarterly newsletter
- d. Next meeting discuss ads in weekly bulletin

Joint Meeting with Finance Council

Purpose of joint meeting was to discuss open drainage in back of Parish Hall. Expected cost approximately \$42k to put the system underground. There would be no efficiency gained as it would continue to provide the same function, but it would increase the usable space behind the Parish Hall. Kathy shared budget overview and list of priorities.

Discussion centered on lack of funding, limited Parish funds and safety concerns. The budget and finances were discussed at length. Ultimately the consensus was to ask the contractor to provide pricing for completing this project in Spring 2019. The group decided spending the limited money currently available for something that would not be usable until next Spring/Summer was not prudent. Several members expressed serious concern over safety of the open ditch prior to the improvement – specifically children getting hurt. Discussed options for making it safe in the interim and Kathy to investigate further. Others indicated the Town of Mammoth Lakes would not have approved if it was unsafe.

Next Meeting

Fr. Jorge will contact us for the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sonja Bush, Secretary