

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Pastoral Council Minutes, Sept. 21, 2023

Present:

Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo
Anthony Drogos
Dianne Fajardo
Tom McNew
Lina Tuiasosopo
Celeste Johns
Rodney Davenport
Robin Spencer

Absent:

Linda McHugh
Rosa Subialdea
Emily Kimball
Don Wittenberger

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Opening prayer by Fr. Augustine

Motion for minutes to be approved as submitted by Tom and seconded by Celeste. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Parking Lot renovations complete thanks to Tom and the men's group

Church renovations completed and itemized costs published in bulletin

Fall Fest efforts ongoing

Welcome ministry – Dianne read a letter she drafted for new parishioners, office provided a list of names so she can send it – minor edits were suggested, she will complete and send the final letter with Father's final approval to be included in welcome home cards she purchased

Ministry Fair – this item was tabled, Rodney will check on someone to head this endeavor this year

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Parish Council will spearhead this, date decided upon is 3Feb24 after 5:30 mass, Anthony is going to check into caterers. We will give out tickets at no cost for the purpose of having numbers

Small group update – Robin will provide a number of original groups still meeting at next PC meeting

Andre Chapel Renovation for leakage, an estimate was received from G. Kelly Construction of \$4900, they will contact Rodney the first week of Oct. with dates for repair

Priest Renovation for addition of washer/dryer estimate still to be obtained

BLDG A: Youth and YA groups have moved in, still obtaining a few more pieces of furniture, ACs have been repaired, Andrew will do a pulpit talk to invite all YA to participate, Father would like a flyer given out by YA members after masses. YA will begin sponsoring a Praise and Worship night once a quarter beginning Oct. 21.

Lina asked if Ladies Society could provide finger foods. Robin will ask at next meeting.

BDLG B: updates complete, AC repaired, new door locks, double door installed

Social Hall – AC for nursery area repaired

Rectory – AC coil replaced, Fr. mentioned that it is still not cooling, Rodney will look into this

Rectory Garden – hasp and combination lock placed on access door

Maintenance person hiring update, Fr. continues to interview

New Business:

Feast of Holy Family celebration and 60th anniversary of our church will take place on Dec. 31, this is not a New Years Eve party

Children's offertory will begin the first week of Advent when they come up to receive their pamphlets. Father will either explain from the pulpit flyer or have the information in the bulletin

The main church is leaking between the sanctuary and the first two pews, office has contacted Parsons Roofing

Rodney contacted Wicks Organ Co. in regards to parts no longer needed from the old organ, they were not interested but will try to put him in contact with someone who is

Main church broken tiles fixed, still others to go, consideration in future of replacing flooring so tripping is not a hazard to all

Rectory garden needs to be cleaned up, Rodney will speak to Liz from youth group as a possible project for them

We need to repair the outside double door on the Kempner side. One door does not properly latch on the bottom

Trees over parking lot on Kempner side need pruning

Fr. would like a Vatican flag to fly under the American Flag

Connection of pipes to the new organ has not happened yet, but will in the near future

Comments and Parishioner Concerns:

It was suggested that parishioners should not be in kitchen during adoration evenings due to lights being used, Father has given permission for this to happen

It has once again been suggested that the church should not remain open during the day to prevent theft, Fr. has addressed this topic and has said it is important that the church be open for the public to embrace the sanctity and solitude it provides

It has been addressed as a concern that the Ambo and Altar colors do not match the background and that this is distracting and that the processional candles are uneven and should have a mark of where to put them to correct this. So noted, the congregation should be aware that a parishioner dedicated their time and money for this project at no cost to the church other than wanting to aide in the completion of the area for the dedication with the Bishop. If there is someone that would like to offer to stain and make it different, please see Father.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer at 7:15

Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 19, 2023, 6:00PM in the social hall

Respectfully submitted Oct. 7, 2023, Robin Spencer