

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Pastoral Council Minutes, October 21, 2023

Present:

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

Absent:

Rosa Subialdea
Don Wittenberger
Robin Spencer

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Opening prayer by Fr. Augustine

Minutes of the September 21 meeting approved verbally without a motion or vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fall Fest update:** Tom presented highlights of his 2023 Holy Family Fall Festival After Action Report, recommendations for 2024, and a financial analysis. He also discussed ideas for changes based on attending similar festivals in seven surrounding churches. Tom will be unable to head the 2024 Fall Fest because of increased responsibilities with the radio station expansion. Recommendations for his replacement will be forthcoming. Father asked that all ministry leaders be present at the 2024 kick-off meeting.
- **Andre Chapel Renovation:** G. Kelly Construction submitted an estimate of \$4,900 and submitted a building permit. Repairs will be scheduled on a Wednesday through Saturday (replace outside boards, repair and paint inside).
- **Vatican flag:** Hooks were donated; Linda will order the flag to be flown under the U.S. flag.
- **BLDG A:** Three smoke detectors were installed.
- **Main church:** The roof was caulked, and there were no leaks apparent after a recent heavy rain.
- **Double doors on Kempner side:** repaired.
- **Trees on Kempner side:** pruned.
- **Wicks Organ Co., IL:** They are not interested in purchasing the old organ without the pipes. Linda to check on adding to Facebook Marketplace.
- **Diane:** Welcome Ministry letter on hold to be presented next meeting.
- **Feast of the Holy Family Celebration:** A nine-day novena planned before the final blessing of the Holy Family and intercessions on December 31, 2023. Linda will check on purchasing a related booklet.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** The date was changed from February 3 to February 17, 2024, after the 5:30 PM Mass. But Lina will check on conflicts with Young Adults events already scheduled. Anthony presented ideas and costs for catered meals. We will provide drinks, utensils, napkins, and warmers to reduce costs.
- **Priest Residence Renovation:** Getting estimates from G. Kelly to install washer/dryer and replace cabinets. Linda to contact pest control for ongoing bug issues. Work will proceed while Father is away in January.

- **BLDG B:** Fall Festival items will be reorganized.
- **Main Church:** Replacement of broken floor tiles is on hold.
- **Rectory Garden:** Cleanup project completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Personalized Christmas note:** Father will send notes to every parishioner. Tom will check into nonprofit bulk mailing costs.
- **New Year's Eve:** Cultural Potluck scheduled for December 31, 2:00 to 6:00 with Activities and door prizes included.
- **Video presentations in church:** Father requested quotes for large screens mounted on each side of the church to be used for the Bishop's Catholic Services Appeal and other presentations. Linda will request a bid.
- **Cove side doors:** Inside surface is peeling. Rodney will request a bid.
- **Point-to-Point Wi-Fi extender:** Extend the Wi-Fi from the Church to building A so the Young Adults and Youth Group can have access. Linda will request a bid from Austin IT.
- **Social Hall kitchen update:** Placed on hold.
- **Offertory:** Father reported a 33% increase in collections following his earlier call for parishioners to consider increasing their donations.
- **Young Adults:** Lina reported on activities:
 - Christmas program December 15 at 6:30 PM including Children's and Young Adults choirs, laminated ornaments for each family, and a toy drive. Tom announced the event will be broadcast on Armor of God radio.
 - CPR training is needed for some and available from the Police Department.
 - Group Adoration planned
 - Stored ping pong table to be used.
 Activities are scheduled for 2024:
 - **1-6:** VBS Fundraiser
 - **2-17:** Valentine's Ball (conflict with Volunteer Appreciation dinner noted)
 - **5-11:** Mom-Son event, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 - **6-8:** Dad-Daughter event, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- **Ministry Fair:** Liz Hayden will lead; Robin will assist.
- **My Brother's House:** Rodney will ask Joe Worley to attend the November meeting to give an update on needs and operations.
- **Air conditioning:** Church is colder now that units are repaired. Father will make thermostat adjustments.

Comments and Parishioner Concerns

Rodney presented items followed by a general discussion with summary to follow.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Father at 7:25 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for November 16, 2023, 6:00 PM in the social hall.

Respectfully submitted by Celeste Johns, November 5, 2023