

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX
Pastoral Council Minutes, Sept. 21, 2023

Present:

Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo
Rosa Subialdea
Dianne Fajardo
Tom McNew
Celeste Johns
Rodney Davenport
Robin Spencer

Absent:

Linda McHugh
Anthony Drogos
Emily Kimball
Don Wittenberger
Lina Tuiasosopo

Guests: Joe Worley, representing St. Vincent de Paul, Gary Subialdea, Parishioner

Meeting called to order at 6:06

Opening prayer by Fr. Augustine

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

Joe Worley gave us an update on the status of My Brother's House and the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, a summation follows:

- Joyce and Joe are the only ones that are doing the home ministry and approval for the money donations and have been doing so for many years
- The reports and dues have all been caught up from having been arrears for the past 4 years
- Home visits are steady and requests and approvals are all done by telephone
- About \$3000 was used last month to help families in need (with rent, gas, water and electric bills) there are requirements and a monetary limit put on these requests as well as a frequency (once a year) requirement
- There is currently about \$70,000 in the bank account with about \$11,500 tagged for a sewer upgrade so as to not get shut down by the health inspectors
- By-laws must be updated
- Board members stand as follows: President, Joe Worley – VP, Linda Rodriguez – Treasurer, Karin Kennedy – Secretary, Pat Thomas (she must be replaced as she is Baptist and the rules of SVdP state that all board members must be practicing Catholics)
- Bernard Glowinski represents the food pantry and he and Hector and their team run the pantry, Jim Glowinski continues to order the food for the pantry
- We have money in surplus because the Capital are food bank has not charged us for food since COVID, this will change in Jan or Feb of next year
- We will have a representative at Food for Families, sponsored by HEB and will receive items from them 20-28 NOV Joe and Joyce will be out of town, in an emergency, Karin can be called
- All members must complete an orientation through SVdP and be EIM compliant

Old Business:

Andre Chapel renovations \$4900 estimate from G. Kelly Construction, however they have been unreachable so Rodney will check on another couple contractors if he fails to reach Gary.

American and Vatican Flags ordered and put up, the Ladie's Society has asked for a Texas flag as well since at all the deanery meetings they do that pledge. It was voted through email to purchase this for them.

One set of interior doors still needs to be resurfaced as the veneer is coming off, this is more aesthetic than functional so it remains to be done.

We are awaiting an estimate from a company in Austin on the installation of WIFI extender from the church to Building A so they will have access in that building when anyone meets there.

It has been asked (once again) that we consider updating the kitchen in the Social Hall, to make it bigger, changing how we allow access to storage room and updating appliances including procuring an ice machine. This is on the list with other construction that needs to be completed. Rodney will get with church ministries to clean out the back storage room of excess items and then move things into that storage area so that people do not have to go through the men's bathroom anymore. This is projected to be done by January, anyone that can help please do so.

Welcome ministry – Dianne read the welcome letter and said she had sent 29 based on new parishioners since June of 2023.

It was decided not to purchase two tvs for the sanctuary since the Bishop's message is only twice a year, but Father clearly wants to be sure the rolling tvs are in sync when we do these messages. Rodney said it would take the purchase of a splitter to make this happen and that he would see to it.

Wicks organ is not interested in our old organ, if it cannot be taken care of through word of mouth connections, it will be discarded.

Feast of the Holy Family celebration to take place on Dec. 31, a Novena will be held each day at mass leading up to it, each family will bring their own cultural dish for a potluck, Anne Marie McNew will do a pulpit talk to give details Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be held on Feb. 17, 2024 after the 5:30 mass. Tickets will be distributed to volunteers for dinner number purposes. Anthony continues to check on caterers. We're looking at 3 choices for entrees and buffet style.

We continue to work estimate for Priest residence washer/dryer install.

Bldg B – Fall fest items continue to be organized, Bldg D items are to be offered to Fr. Eugene and Fr. John for families on Ft. Cavazos in need of furnishings and then items will be distributed to Cove House or other entities that may be in need.

New Business:

Father outlined the times for masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as follows: Saturday vigil, Dec. 23, 5:30PM, Sunday masses for Dec. 24 last day of Advent mass will be at 10:00 and 12:00 noon. Christmas vigil masses will be Dec. 24 evening, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00. The only mass on Christmas day is at 10:00AM.

Going forward, we will only respond to parishioner concerns that are received with contact information. Rodney updated council and parish with the last group of concerns prior to this meeting, there were no concerns brought forth to this meeting.

We have a new groundskeeper, Tanner. Dave Novak gave him a tour of what to do, he works part time in the afternoons (2:00 – 6:00) 4 days a week.

Celeste mentioned that many books were in the boxes in the storage room in the adoration chapel. It was decided to give the books to the new parishioners and to have the diocesan books available at Feast of Holy Family Celebration.

Andrew Miles has graciously agreed to head fall fest next year, it will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13. It was suggested that we start a second collection for the fall fest and that all the items for the raffle be donated. We are trying to streamline the fest so as not to overload the few workers we get.

Welcome donuts and coffee needs to occur quarterly. Parish Council will get the first one started the weekend of Feb. 10-11. Robin will get an announcement in the bulletin and line up three ministries for the next three of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56

Next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2024, 6:00PM in the social hall

Respectfully submitted Dec. 1, 2023, Robin Spencer