

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY, 2021**

Attendees: Fr. Okoye, Steve Melaragno, Tim Kelty, Sara Gomez, Mr. Mo, Jesus Salazar, Aaron Ware, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened on 2/10/21 at 7:20 pm.

September minutes were read and approved.

Old Business

- Ignite – Numbers were not available, but Fr. thinks we are doing well.
- 2021 DSF goal is \$25,000. We were short on the 2020 DSF, but Fr. didn't think it was by much.
- Mowing - Tim Kelty had donated a mower which has been fixed and will be used to mow the courtyard. We will leave mowing arrangement as is with the Bustos family.
- Fr. would like to change the Mass schedule. Daily Mass at noon on Tuesday and Friday, 9am on Wednesday, and possibly 6:30 pm on Thursday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be 9-11:30am Tuesday thru Friday. Still not enough interest to resume the 5:30 Saturday Mass, however, Fr. plans to have a 5:30 Mass by July.
- Fr. read the Pastoral Guidelines from the Arch Diocesan Canon Law. We discerned and voted for the new members of the Pastoral Council. Sara Gomes (5 votes), Tim Kelty (5 votes), and Noe Castro (4 votes). They will replace Mr. Mo, Willie Garcia, and Jesus Salazar, who were discerned out. We thank the outgoing members and welcome the incoming members. At our next meeting, we will discern the chair and co chair.

New Business

- IT work is progressing slowly in the church and parish hall. The signal has been boosted and a camera has been installed in church. Working on extending sound to the Somerville Room and Parish Hall. The goal is to have wifi access anywhere on parish grounds. Mr. Creswick, who is the IT person for St. Michael's, has been doing the work. We were blessed with a \$2000 donation from a non-parishioner which was used towards the IT project.
- Passion for Christ Bible Study is starting up. Fr. has invited them to make a presentation to Parish Council. In the future, Fr. would like all new ministries to make presentations to Parish Council.
- Fr. mentioned we have the beginnings of a text messaging program that Juan had set up for communication amongst the ministries. He would like to expand upon this to use as an effective communication tool to all parishioners.
- Parish Hall- Branson is updating his last quote of \$215,666. Harold Hrcncir's quote was approx \$188,200. The Building Committee needs to meet to compare the 2 quotes. Fr would like to have final plans and contractor decided by end of April. He would also like

to have the facility ready for our Festival which will take place the last weekend of September.

- The Precious Blood Apostolate of which Fr. is the chaplain, will be meeting in the Parish Hall Feb 18, 19, & 20 to hold their elections. There are approximately 150 members. The Knights will be having their first fish fry so they will need to figure out a way for both ministries to work out of the kitchen.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 3/3/21, in the Parish Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member