

St. Joseph Pastoral Parish Council

February 15, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm. Members present were James McGinnis, Cesar Escalante, Ben Williams, Evelyn Tejada, Michael Costello, and Dee Elliot with Ex-Officio members present being Pastor Fr. Paul Moreau, Director of Religious Education Lynn Langston, and SJCPS Principal Theresa Napoli.
2. Question posed about Mass process moving forward post-vaccination. Father reported that no change should be expected anytime soon. Father asked whether PPC thought a better camera would be beneficial for streaming; PPC agreed. Also discussed people streaming Mass from their vehicles then coming up to the building for Communion as Mass attendance continues to increase and we are reaching full capacity. Screens will likely remain in place for administration of Communion. The question of using video screens for displaying Latin Mass parts was discussed. PPC was torn (mostly as pertains to screens in the new church): about half of those present liked the idea, about half did not. Father Paul also informed PPC that due to the difference in overseeing diocese/bishop, St. Aelred's does not require distancing or the wearing of masks.
3. The St. Joseph's Award was discussed. Nomination forms will be made available in multiple places and are due back by March 10. Voting will take place at the March 15 PPC meeting. Award will be given at the 7 pm Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19.
4. Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph events were discussed. Fr. Michael and Fr. Paul are both doing a 33 day Consecration to St. Joseph. Fr. Michael's is a men's only Zoom meeting, while Fr. Paul's is a video series for anyone interested. Fr. Paul would also like to write a prayer for our parish and school that could become our parish prayer to St. Joseph; he hopes to have it finished in time for the feast day on Mar 19. We also plan to move the statue of St. Joseph that sits on the stage up onto the track area on the opposite side of the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Ways of showing the focus on St. Joseph in the new church were discussed; likely a large statue would be used.
5. The need/desirability for PPC elections was brought up. Opinions were offered by Theresa and Dee referencing their difficult experiences trying to get new team members adjusted in other organizations. It was decided that at this time, it would unnecessary to change the current members.

6. Update on the new church was given. Fr. Paul had an email from the survey company today. Based on the survey results, we should be able to propose plans for how everything will look (physical arrangement as well as visual appeal). Hope to have a plan for the interior by Mar 19. Current plan for seating is ~800 people. This means that anything that can be built in phases would need to be. Money has been donated by Irene Powers for the bell for the new church. Groundbreaking is not set yet. We are in the process of acquiring some more land to add to the property. This addition will allow the school to host cross-country meets, as well.
7. Dee reported on St. Joseph Charities. In December they assisted ~50 families in addition to those served by the Giving Tree. They normally assist ~20 families per month, but are currently serving ~ 25 per month. They are primarily taking requests via email and interviewing by phone. We have ~ \$8,000/mo being spent.
8. Fr. Tim will be visiting to do a 3-day series of Lenten mission
9. Cesar made a request for Holy Week Missions, possibly to nursing homes. Father indicated that it would be dependent on what the nursing homes allow, and that we would look further into the possibility.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Rodriguez, Secretary