

St. Joseph Pastoral Parish Council

November 18, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Fr. Paul. Present were Dee Elliott, Jose Perlera, John Perno, Michael Costello, Sarah Rodriguez, Evelyn Tejada, Cesar Escalante, and Ben Williams; Ex-Officio members Pastor Fr. Paul Moreau, Parochial Vicar Fr. Michael Revak, Communications Director Jane Sullivan, Director of Religious Education Lynn Langston, and SJCPS Principal Theresa Napoli.
2. October Minutes approved with one correction.
3. Council Member Notes:
 - a. Dee reported that the Giving Tree list was now closed with 48 families being supported and that the tree would be put up this weekend. Gifts would need to be returned around December 7-8 and gifts would be distributed December 20. She also reported having two new volunteers at St Joseph Charities. She also stated that the Columbiettes will have gift shop items at the Christmas Bazaar.
 - b. Lynn stated that they have a new special needs student in the RE program. She also mentioned having a special Christmas party for those students in the Special Needs RE Program.
 - c. Ben brought up playground access and that it should be accessible to all parishioners at all times. Father Paul responded that children must be supervised; if children are out of set meeting rooms, an adult needs to be with them. Fr. Michael stated that accessibility should have reasonable restrictions.
 - d. Father Michael introduced BUILT program for families. Intent is to get families talking more about the faith. Content will come from Formed.org. First video in each series will have an event night that one of the priests will moderate. Food will be provided at these events by different ministries. “Tools” will be provided for families to continue the series on their own at home. BUILT kickoff Jan 17, 2020. May or may not try to align with liturgical seasons. Can probably combine with Lenten KoC fish fry if needed.

- e. PPC Christmas Party will be Dec 6 @ 6 pm. Going to have a raffle/teacup auction for various prizes: reserved parking for special Masses, bricks from Prince Ave., 2 Christmas Gala Tickets, 2 “Love is in the Air” tickets, yard work done by KoC. It was pointed out that the parish needed to make sure to get a raffle license. St Nicholas will be present giving out “gold coins.” Potluck assignments from last year are flipped, and main dish will be sponsored by PPC (pig roast). Cash donations will be accepted for beer/wine. Assistance needed for setup (3 pm) and tear down (9 pm). Table cloths will need to be taken to cleaners.
4. Pastor’s Report: Building Committee needs to be finalized. Will have 10 subcommittees for specific areas (i.e. A/V, groundskeeping/landscaping, stained glass, etc.) but main committee purpose will be to advise the pastor on architect selection, resolving issues, and making decisions. Discussion and vote was held for building committee members. Fr. Paul abstained from vote. Father Paul counted, and Secretary Sarah Rodriguez verified counts. New Building Committee members are Josh Keeling, Connor Smith, June Compton, & Dave Ranieri. Father Paul stated that he spoke about the offertory at the State of the Church meetings in early November. Prior to the meetings, offertory was approximately \$20,000/week. Since the meetings, not much has changed. If it continues so, budget may need to be revisited, with possible cuts. Council members advised to give more time, as the holidays are approaching. Father Paul also spoke about Capital Campaign: Sanctuary. Both the community and silent campaigns were approved by the Archdiocese. Already have \$165,000 pledged. Due to current construction costs, project will likely need to be completed in phases with the actual church itself taking precedence over office spaces and other buildings. Father Paul asked for input from the council on the Easter Vigil Mass. The pastor has to say the Mass, so timing must be figured out between the two parishes. Council advised for a later Vigil Mass at SJC. All were reminded of the Advent penance service on December 2.
5. Meeting was adjourned; next meeting will be held Jan 20 @ 6 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Rodriguez, Secretary