

# St. Joseph Pastoral Parish Council

October 21, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Father Tim. Present were James McGinnis, Jose Perlera, Dee Elliot, Sarah Rodriguez, Pedro Guerra, Sherwin Lopez, Michael Costello, Cesar Escalante, and Evelyn Tejada; Ex-Officio members Pastor Fr. Paul Moreau, Parochial Vicar Fr. Tim Nadolski, Communications Director Jane Sullivan, Director of Religious Education Lynn Langston, and SJCPS Principal Theresa Napoli.
2. Minutes from September meeting were approved with three corrections
3. Council Member Notes:
  - a. Sherwin reported that he still gets asked about updates on the building of the new Church. Fr. Paul noted that there would be meetings set to update parishioners.
  - b. Jane reported that the MyParish App had been launched and that more details would be in the bulletin for parishioners.
  - c. Theresa reported that the SJCPS Fall Festival went well. New applicants mentioned at last meeting are to start in January. School is always open for tours. 225 students is the current goal/ideal at this point in time.
  - d. Lynn distributed RE report. Also said that the Fall Confirmation retreat went well; 114 students attended. The colored wristbands really helped with organization and accountability.
  - e. Evelyn reported that the Hispanic community celebration was a huge success among all demographics. Recent retreat was also applauded. Also asked about the bonfire and people having schedule conflicts. Father Paul stressed that it was a social event and people shouldn't feel obliged to attend.
  - f. Michael asked about rescheduling the parish work day - is not needed at this time. Asked about the camera in the room where the KoC meet, as meetings are to be private. Fr. Paul confirmed that the camera cannot be removed, but that only the priests have access to the video feed and that there is no audio.

- g. Jose reported that the soccer event on the 12th went well and that many non-parishioners attended. Discussed options for an adult league (possibly on a monthly basis) and a children's league (possibly weekly). Would need more volunteers for organizing - Father Paul will interview. Need for closer bathroom facilities was raised if we increase the use of the field. Porta-Johns were mentioned as a solution - would be placed near the dumpsters.
  - h. Dee asked whether the Fall Festival had a rain plan; Fall Festival would move indoors in the event of rain. She mentioned that the Parish Picnic will not reschedule if it gets rained out. There will not be a mechanical bull, but there will be hayrides. Also mentioned the Christmas Giving Tree and asked for recommendations of families needing assistance. Father Paul mentioned Christmas Nativity would have a new location/setup.
  - i. Pedro reported that 48 couples attended the recent retreat and seconded Evelyn's report that all who attended enjoyed the experience.
  - j. James announced the next meeting (Nov 18), Parish Christmas party (Dec 6), Breakfast with Santa & Bazaar (Dec 7). A mention of St. Nicholas at the Dec 6 event was made, no decision made. The Christmas Gala (Dec 13) will be catered. The potluck Christmas Party (Dec 6) is a Parish Council organized event. Silent Auction was brought up, council was asked to decide whether it was wanted or not. Auction subcommittee consisting of Jane, Dee, John, and Stephanie was established in order to brainstorm.
  - k. Father Tim reported on the kitchen - there are new requirements for commercial school kitchens (which have stricter requirements) which require some plan revisions. Will have to move walk-in cooler, which will require disassembly. May be more cost effective to get rid of said cooler.
4. Pastor's Report: Between now and Nov 5, state of the Church meetings will be held to inform parishioners of current plans and financial standings. Prior to Nov 5, specific parishioners will be asked to make pledges for the final push. All parishioners will have the option to pledge. These are to show to the Archdiocese that we can reach our financial requirement. Parishioners are involved in the process to avoid this becoming a project that is attached to a specific priest as opposed to the parish. Architect proposals are hoped to be had in December. Question of how final design decision would be made - full parish or just key councils. Early March potentially opens Capital Campaign final, with early June as current groundbreaking goal. Mentioned that the SJCPS faculty retreat

went well. Wanted to ensure all know that there are no fees for Baptisms - names will be published in the bulletin if parents consent. Quincineras will now have solid criteria that must be met in order to be held. There is a new annulment tribunal policy - priests cannot be sponsors, must have an advocate. We will have 3 in training beginning next month. Dalton Carpet donated paving stones - ideas for use? Mary Garden and behind the parish hall were mentioned as ideas. Fr. asked whether the council was open to holding a rodeo on the grounds - clear majority voted to find out more/would be open to it. Suggestion was made to donate some of the proceeds to animal shelters. Father also mentioned an incident with a homeless man who became confrontational with Theresa prior to Mass this weekend. He left the grounds, but Father wanted to make sure we were aware of the incident.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm. The next PPC meeting will be on Monday, Nov 16, 6:00 pm in room 255.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Rodriguez, Secretary