

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER, 2016**

**Attendees:** Fr. Jesse, Phillippe Garza, Mr. Mo, Valentina Moreno, Estella Arroyo, Johanna Blanchard, Tina Robledo, Sr. San Juanita, Deacon Wally Shaw, Willie Garcia, and Steve Melaragno

**Absent:** Chris Thompson, Jesus Salazar, Rebecca Shawver

Meeting convened at 7:05 with Reflection lead by Fr. Jesse

We did not meet in Sept. Minutes from Aug meeting weren't available since Becky is recovering from surgery. Read and approved minutes from July meeting.

**Old Business**

- New Office Hours 9am-7pm Mon-Thurs. Monica Caraballo new receptionist working 2pm-7pm Tu-Thurs. Yolanda working 10am-7pm Mon, and Alex Lara working part time 9am-2pm Tu-Thurs. Phillippe is part of the office staff handling marriage prep, altar server training, home visits, helping out with EDGE, and doing periodic reflections. His ordination is scheduled for 1/14/17.
- Fire Alarm Repaired
- Transformer Repaired
- Hand Crafted Christmas Bazaar has been cancelled this year
- Website overhaul going well. Alex is putting bulletins up and the event calendars have been posted. Monica Caudillo posting pictures. Need to increase package to allow for additional data. Fr Jesse gave his approval. Fr Jesse's vision is to have each ministry update their own section with current info and pictures. The website shows differently on smart phones than it does on computers. Tina to relay this info to Monica.

**New Business**

- Water leak in the Bell Tower during the torrential rains. Galaxy roofing to give a bid. This will be covered by the insurance claim. Also covered will be the molding in Somerville room. We have the \$5,000 deductible.
- Finance Committee voted to approve the budget, but it hasn't been finalized. We looked over a copy of the budget which shows approx \$19,000 profit for the year. Tina thought there might be an error in it. She has already submitted closed year and closed budget to Archdiocese. She will check over and re-submit if needed.
- Discussed Parish Leadership Team (PLT) vs Pastoral Council (PC). The PLT would help the Pastor lead the people in implementation of ideas once decision is made, in effect, keeping Fr out of the details. The PC is a sounding board for the Pastor.
- Fr Jesse led us in a card sort activity. The cards had suggestions of problems that could be present in a parish. The purpose of the activity was to weed out our legitimate

concerns from the non-legitimate concerns. Fr. Jesse took the information and will report on the results next month.

- Steve mentioned coming up with a master list of needs and wants that can be presented to parishioners in some format since we have a perpetual second collection.
- Fr Jesse mentioned our focus now needs to be on engaging the parishioners that come to Mass but aren't involved in parish life. His dream down the road is to have a day care and name it "St. Mary Starlings".
- We discussed Christmas Masses. So far we have scheduled the 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil and the 10 am Christmas Day (Bilingual) Masses. If we have adequate music, we can have a Midnight Mass. If we are able to do so, we can advertise to the other parishes. We will survey the parishioners in coming weeks and then make a decision.
- Sr. San Juanita reported on Faith Formation (See attached). Sr is very involved with our youth—lots of activities/service opportunities to keep them engaged.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member