

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY, 2018**

Attendees: Fr. Jesse, Aaron Ware, Willie Garcia, Steve Melaragno, Elizabeth Heredia, Tina Robledo, Mr. Mo, Valentine Moreno, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened at 7:05 with prayer.

The last meeting was held in October, 2017. Minutes from that meeting weren't available. Steve and others present at that meeting recalled the discussions held.

Old Business

- We have 4 months to get church A/C replaced. A/C committee consists of Willie Garcia, Deacon Felipe, Irene Ocanas, and Steve Shawver. Willie thought Deacon Felipe had quotes. Fr. asked Tina to call the Archdiocese to find out what we need to do to get on the list for help with funds for A/C replacement.
- Part Time Music Director – No one has responded to the posting yet. It has been posted with the Archdiocese and also in the bulletin. Steve Shawver was to post with Brazosport College, but no one knew if this had actually been done.
- Breakfast fundraisers will start again on January 14th.
- Collections had been down since Hurricane Harvey, but are starting to come back.

New Business

- Monica Caraballo is now our full time secretary working 9am-7pm Mon-Thurs.
- Ignite has been suspended/delayed until Fall of 2018 because of Hurricane Harvey.
- DSF Weekend will be Feb 3/4
- Ecumenical Day of Prayer – Friday, Jan 26 at 5:30 with dinner afterwards. Norma Garcia, Tina Robledo, and Bill Hartnett are organizing. All pastors of local churches will be invited.
- Unbound, a missionary program that handles no money will call to schedule and handle a mission for us. Not sure if this will take place during Lent or not. Lenten penance service has yet to be scheduled. Fr. Jesse's yearly retreat is Feb 21-25.
- 2018 Festival scheduled for May 19/20. Meetings will start up in January. Willie is thinking about changing up the entertainment. Fr Jesse's family wants to do a "thrift shop". Monster truck video game will be there again--we need to devise a method/schedule for this in order to maximize profits. Our festival goal is \$70,000-75,000.
- Parish Goals for 2018:
 - Reach out to Christians of other Denominations
 - Grow involvement in Parish Ministries/activities
 - Improve on our Music Ministry
 - Increase tithing
 - Develop strategy for long-term capital needs

Updates

Neo Catechumenal Way first community is a solid 7 people. They will start their 2nd wave of invitation the weekend of Jan 21/22.

See attached update on Sacramental Preparation and Evangelization.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member