

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

Attendees: Fr. Jesse, Steve Melaragno, Tina Robledo, Willie Garcia, and Johanna Blanchard. Marilyn Saccomanno attended as a guest.

Meeting convened at 7:05 with prayer.

During open forum, Marilyn thanked the council for their service. She expressed her concern that the Parish Council minutes aren't published. Also was asking about new members and if there is still a discernment process. Marilyn would also like to see our preschool CCE program brought back since St. Mary's had offered one for 35 years. She is willing to offer herself as a consultant, maybe even financial support for the classroom. Fr. Jesse responded that we are lacking human resources. It is his preference that people come to him wanting to start programs, offering themselves as the organizers/coordinators. In reference to the minutes, Tina will remind Monica to post the minutes on the website.

A suggestion was made that we announce the Parish Council meetings in the Mass announcements and remind the parishioners they are welcome to attend to share their views/concerns during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Steve will try to create the agenda earlier so that it can be posted prior to the meeting.

Aug minutes were fine, but we lacked a quorum for approval..

Old Business

- On the re-upholstery project, Tina had bids of \$9500 & \$7500. However there were questions as to what the total bids covered. The suggestion was made to have the bidders list the bids out showing \$ for kneelers, \$ for kneelers w/cushions, \$ for seat cushion, etc.
- Norma said yes to being our next festival chairperson. A letter will be written to Norma thanking her for her acceptance. Fr. Jesse would like to thank Willie for his past service with dinner at the rectory.
- Starting Feb 1, the bulletins will be published by LPI entirely in color. Fr will send thank you notes/letters to the bulletin sponsors, and sponsor information will be sent to LPI.
- Steve talked to someone about Casino Night. There are actually companies that operate it for you. People pay an entry fee that provides them with so many chips. They play games to increase their chip holdings. In the end, the chips are used to purchase donated auction items. In lieu of doing a Casino Night, Tina suggested having a Texas Hold Em Night and use volunteers as the dealers. We could also have drinks available for donation. This would operate as a secondary fundraiser.
- Steve talked to Irene from the Finance Committee. Steve, Irene, and Tina are to meet and look at the last 3 years or so to come up with figures for ordinary income, expenses, and festival income. From that, they will determine a \$ amount that can be used for projects. Once that is done, then we can start polling the parishioners to come up with an improvements list.

New Business

- A parishioner had approached Fr Jesse with the suggestion that we would have a person with a concealed hand gun guard the door during CCE hours. We discussed for a few minutes and decided to find out if the Arch Diocese has guidelines on this matter.
- Fr Jesse and Jeremy Poirrier met with Bobby Fuller with Port Ministry. We just need to sign a mission statement, then they will be able to minister to the crews on the ships in the Port. Once things are underway, Fr Jesse will contact Fr. Italo, then some of the DSF money will be funneled to St. Mary's for Port Ministry.

An update was provided by Marilyn on Sacramental Preparation and Evangelization which is attached.

Next meeting is October 4.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member

August 2018

Sacramental Preparation

- **RCIA** Five interviews were completed this month. A change was made to the calendar. The Children's sessions will be taught on Sunday mornings beginning September 9th. At present time there will be three children in these sessions preparing for the Easter Sacraments and three adults in the Tuesday night sessions.
- **Confirmation** Of the two forms I sent out in June, one had been returned. Another letter was sent out this month but no return was made.

Evangelization

- **Senior Day "Stars of the Sea"**. We had 24 attend our senior day on August 16th Next fun day will be on Thursday, September 20th
- **Patricians** will begin again on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be 'Signs and Symbols of the Catholic Church'. How do signs and symbols help us profess our faith and unite us?
- **Legion of Mary-** Two groups one in English (9:30 a.m. on Tuesday) is still meeting with 9 attending and the one in Spanish (4:30 p.m. on Tuesday) with 3 attending. Members are doing a lot of visiting, helping to take communion to home bound, working with prison ministry, visiting and bringing communion to Nursing home and home bound. Also working with RCIA and hosting Senior Day. All members will be helping with a recruiting drive this coming weekend.
- **Altar Society-** They are back meeting. Had eleven attend the September 4th meeting. Altar duty assigned, plans for Turkey Dinner, October 28th, were made, approved buying Fr. Jesse's vest, approved having a silent auction at the dinner, and approved hosting La Posada on the 17th of Dec. and went over upcoming liturgies. Next meeting is October 2nd