

St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting

September 3, 2014 7:00 PM

Minutes

Opening Prayer:

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with a prayer led Steve Cartwright.

Roll Call:

Steve Cartwright conducted the meeting and called roll. **Council Members:** Beth Pape, Catherine Richter, Kellie Wiatrek, Bill Thoms, Lloyd Welty, Cynthia Farmer and Joe Jaksik were present. Also in attendance were Rev. Rodolfo Caballero, Alice Rutkowski, Darlene LaVelle, Anita Jimenez, Edward Jimenez, Mike Kallies, Louis Rios, Steve Zunker, Frances Zunker, Jessica Ahr.

Father Rodolfo Caballero's Comments:

Many new things are coming soon to St. Jerome. The Life Teen ministry is intended to be an umbrella for all youth ministries. From there we will form the leadership for church, since the youth are our future. The core team is very excited and it is wonderful to see how enthused they are and how hard they are working for our teens. The Marriage Covenant Ministry core team is to be commended for their generosity in working to bring the ministry to our parish and to the archdiocese. Marriage preparation for engaged couples through the archdiocese will be hosted here at St. Jerome Oct 17-18. So much talent has been put by God in this part of San Antonio and we are called by God to be light to the world. We want social media to be a means of communication for our church, particularly for our teens and young adults. We have 2 facebook pages - one for Life Teen and one for the parish and the web page is improving. The Men's Club fund raiser for CCD will be September 28. and the Men's club will provide the meat for our St. Jerome Feast Day celebration on September 27. The celebration is being organized by Catherine Richter and Joe Jaksik as Church becomes the center of our lives. Our tabernacle will be moved to the center of the church below the crucifix for that day and the statue of St. Jerome will be moved to the old tabernacle space. Flanagan Administrative Center will have its name placed that weekend in honor of Monsignor John Flanagan. Father stated that some people say he is moving too fast and should slow down. He says it's a measure of his love. Some times he feels that he is moving too slow. He feels we must give God our best because we love Him and we praise Him. All we do is a sign of our love for Him. He apologizes if anything has hurt anyone. He is grateful for the enthusiasm in our church. Since liturgy is the focal point of our life Deacon Ed and Anita Jimenez will be the new Directors of Liturgy for the church with the help of the three pastoral council members. Liturgy is about beauty, not a show, because that is how we praise God. The Communication Committee has been going through all the answers from the focus group and are planning a parish survey and then to create long term plan for the vision of our parish.

Review Minutes:

Minutes of August meeting were reviewed. Bill Thoms moved and Joe Jaksik seconded that minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Open Forum - No Visitors

Altar Society - Darlene Lavelle reported that the Altar Society just refinished one chalice, 3 ciboriums and 3 pattens using Custom Plating and Polishing. New reserved signs will be made for marking pews since we don't seem to have enough. On October 18 they will sponsor a mini retreat conducted by Kim Pruski and the Women of the Tassle for the women of the parish. The bake sale and crowning of Mary in May went well. They are buying a new pall for funerals. They helped with the LJ Barajas fundraiser. Our Lady of Fatima rosaries are still held on the 13th of each month to pray for world peace. At Father's request, a new Gospel book cover will be purchased. Marilyn Pruski decorated the St. John Paul table. Four members will meet with Beth Pape to work on developing the Altar Society for webpage.

A.C.T.S. The Women's ACTS Retreat has been changed to The Oblate Retreat Center the 3rd weekend in November.

CYO Jessica Ahr reported that 86 children are playing volleyball and soccer. Opening Mass will be this weekend at 11:00 am. Children will participate, wearing uniforms. The discount card fundraiser will be going on in the next 2 weeks. Cards will cost \$10. There is currently planning for trunk & treat in the O'Brien parking lot Oct. 31. It will be free to the children of the parish. Pizza will be provided as well as games. Parishioners may sign up to hand out candy out of their trunk. The angel tree at Christmas for ECISD will go on again, pending Father's approval. CYO members will help serve at the Raul Jimenez turkey dinner. They are working to make CYO more of a ministry involving children in Mass and prayer after games. They are hoping to bring back vacation bible school. It would also be something good for Life Teen kids to do for community service.

RCIA Deacon Ed reported that we have 9 enquirers at this point. one dropped because of work schedule. Two decided to go to St. Ann's because of schedules, and one more decided to wait a year. Classes start September 8.

Companion on the Journey with our Lady of Sorrows - Alice Rutkowski reported that their ministry visits the homebound and takes them communion. Previously communion for the homebound was offered on first Friday only. Ten to twelve members go in teams to visit and take communion. Some don't want to be visited more often than that, but plans are to call and talk. Plans are underway to gather those who have lost loved ones together. A close bond is developed with the widows and it is hard for them to go on. We need a certified counselor to train group members to help deal with grief. Beginning Experience to help the divorced, separated and widowed deal with grief will hold a retreat Oct. 24-26 at Our Lady of Csetohova. Alice is looking to glean information to help our ministry. Our Lady's Feast Day is Sept 15 and a Novena

will be held Sept 6-15 with a 7 decade sorrowful rosary before Mass at 7:30 am on week days. By-laws are complete and were reviewed. Lloyd moved and Kellie seconded and by-laws were unanimously approved.

Men's Club Mike Kallies reported that the fishing tournament had 9 teams. The Men's Club supported the LJ Barajas benefit. Work has been done on the playground - the merry go-round is gone, lights are up and new mulch has been spread. Father wants different playground equipment. On Sept 27 the Men's Club will make sausage for the pot luck and the chicken sale Sept. 28 will benefit CCD. The Wild Game Dinner on January 24 will have 60 tables of 10 for \$500, and 100 general admission tickets will be sold for \$40 each. The Men's Club spent \$146,989.00 this year for our parish community.

Life Teen - Cynthia Farmer reported that the kick off was wonderful. Young adults are being empowered as they empower the teens. Forty people are serving as the core, putting on events each week. It will resume this Sunday. Confirmation classes will be integrated with Life Teen. Teens are serving communion, lectoring, ushering.

Little Rock Scripture Studies - Louis Rios reported that tentative dates are Oct 7-Dec 2 and Oct. 9-Dec 4 with one week off for Thanksgiving. The facilitators will meet next Thursday to plan. The study will be the Gospel of John, about the divinity of Jesus Christ. There will be 15 sessions - 8 in the fall, 7 in the spring. Registration will run through the end of September.

Music - Frances Zunker reported that the music ministry has been meeting with Beth, Catherine and Larry. Officers have been elected, by-laws submitted to Father Rodolfo, budget submitted to finance committee and waiting for response. Copyright laws are very strict and must be followed. Frances - Pres, Jeanette Morrisett - VP, Jessica Lubiansk - Secretary, Karen Foster - Treasurer. Organ is still having issues and needs to be looked at before the warranty runs out.

Liturgy - Deacon Ed reported that they will be meeting with liturgical ministries soon.

Marriage Ministry - Lloyd Welty reported that the first event, Six Great Dates for Married Couples, will begin Oct. 4 for six Saturdays, skipping turkey dinner weekend. The Engaged Encounter weekend for the San Antonio Archdiocese will be Oct. 18-19, 9:00-5:00 Saturday, 9:00-11:00 Sunday. 42 couples have signed up, but we have been told to expect 75-90 couples. Facilitators are from our parish except natural family planning presenters. Father wants it to be a model for the whole archdiocese. Natural Family Planning will be presented by a couple from Our Lady of Atonement.

Old Business:

Beth Pape reported that the CCD classroom renovations are on track for opening weekend September 28. Members of the parish have been vcontracted to do the majority of the work and they have been generous with their time and efforts to keep cost down and complete the work on time. Plans were finalized for the St. Jerome Feast Day Celebration. Catherine Richter reported

that the Altar Society will provide tea, paper goods and desserts and Joe confirmed that the Men's Club will donate and prepare the sausage. Joe Jaksik, Cynthia Farmer and Beth Pape will provide door prizes. It was suggested that the Communication Committee Focus Groups/survey include ministries and a place to indicate who would you like to serve.

Southeast Deanery Gathering report - no one attended from St. Jerome.

New Business:

Lloyd Welty moved and Catherine Richter seconded that we hold the Allen Ames' Healing Mass in October. Motion carried.

Three new members to the Pastoral Council will be elected the second weekend in October. A picture of the current council will be in the bulletin with an invitation for new members to run for council. Pictures and bios of those running will be put in the bulletin prior to the election.

Cynthia Farmer moved that we buy a copy machine for ministries to make copies. Steve will talk to Father Rodolfo.

Next meeting Father asks that we arrive early for Adoration and convene in our meeting at 7:00.

Joe Jaksik reported that new bulbs have been ordered to help alleviate the lighting issues in the church.

Next meeting October 1. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 and closed with the St. Francis Prayer for Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Pape, secretary