

St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting

August 13, 2014

Opening Prayer:

The meeting opened at 7:08 PM with a prayer led Larry Keller.

Roll Call:

Larry Keller conducted the meeting in the absence of Steve Cartwright and called roll. **Council Members:** Beth Pape, Catherine Richter, Kellie Wiatrek, Cynthia Farmer, Bill Thoms and Joe Jaksik were present. Also in attendance was Rev. Rodolfo Caballero. Lloyd Welty was absent.

Review Minutes:

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Cynthia Farmer moved and Catherine Richter seconded that minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Open Forum - No Visitors

Old Business:

The Parish Festival was very successful. The Adoration Chapel is open 8:00am to 5:00pm everyday Monday-Friday and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues each Wednesday after 8:00am Mass until 8:00pm. Father Rodolfo would like for each of our meetings to begin and end in Adoration.

Father reported that renovations on the Pruski Hall CCD facilities are going well. The work is being done by FMO, Inc., owned by parishioner Wayne Pape. Sub-contractors, when possible, are also parishioners and have been gracious in saving the church money and getting the work done in time for classes to resume in September.

St. Jerome Feast Day is September 30. We will celebrate on Saturday September 27 after the 5:00pm Mass. Father Rodolfo would like to have a gold and silver cover for the Book of Gospels for the event. We are proposing a pot luck dinner following Mass. Catherine Richter will speak to the Altar Society about organizing the pot luck and Joe Jaksik will speak to the Men's Club about providing meat. They will report back at the September 3 meeting. Cynthia Farmer, Joe Jaksik and Beth Pape will donate gifts for the drawing.

Results of the communication committee focus group will be gathered and shared and a parish survey will be conducted. All the information will help to form the parish plan for communicating our message. This is a long-term project.

New Business:

Allen Ames' office called to see if we would like for him to return for a Healing Mass in October. After discussion, Father Rodolfo asked that we as council members pray about this event as something that will bring our community together and unify us to the Universal Church. He asked that we call him next week to confirm or deny the event. St. Paul says charisms are given for the building of the Church. If this event will accomplish that, we will invite Mr. Ames back.

An invitation to the Southeast Deanery Meeting at Mission Espada on Saturday, August 16 was shared with the council. Kellie Wiatrek said that she will attend and represent St. Jerome.

Three new members to the Pastoral Council will be elected the second weekend in October. There was discussion about the nomination of new members. Currently parishioners are asked to volunteer to run for pastoral council and are elected by ballot. It was suggested that their pictures be put in the bulletin prior to the election.

After the visit by our seminarian, LJ Barajas it was decided that the prayer for vocations will be placed in the missalettes so that we may pray for an increase in vocations.

Larry Keller announced that Father Nutt would like to thank the parish of St. Jerome for our generous contribution to his mission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Pape, Secretary