

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 20, 2019
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Present:

Rev. Steven J. Sauser
Father Andrew Dinh
Judy Nuñez
Doug Lyles
Kris Hagel
Lis Soto
Joe Konderla
Donnie Victorik
Beverly Ogden
Dennis Hoffman
Al Flores
John McGuill (Finance Council)

Opening Prayer 6:50pm

Council members prayed the "Adsumus".

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 11th, 2019 meeting were approved by all council members online, prior to this meeting. Judy N. offered a chance for discussion but there was none.

Prior to the PC meeting, Lis S. had posted the approved minutes and agenda on the church bulletin board and website, publicizing our pastoral email address, and the next meeting date and location.

New Business

a) Judy welcomed the two new pastoral council members in attendance: Alfonso Flores IV and Dennis Hoffman. They each shared a little about themselves. Two more members will be joining the pastoral council in January after meeting EIM requirements: Anna Damian and Tony Cruz. Judy gave an overview of our processes and dates for meetings in 2020 and our adoration hour rotation until Feb 5th: Wednesdays 8pm-9pm.

b) Judy thanked the outgoing council members for their years of loyal service: Joe K, Doug L., Christine O., and Lynn S. Two officer positions were voted in: Al Flores – vice chair and Lis Soto – secretary. A Pastoral Council retreat is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 18th 9am-12 noon.

Old Business

a) Father Steve Sauser gave an update on safety issues. After much discussion, it was decided to improve communication with other St. Joseph Church ministry programs to increase awareness of ways to protect each other through prevention. Each ministry can be asked to contribute ways they can improve safety at our church. Donnie V. will speak with the Ushers Club and Dennis will speak with the Knights of Columbus. Judy N. will remind Terrie Lipscomb to talk with the adorers.

b) As for the candles in the adoration chapel, Father Andrew is keeping a close eye on the usage and expense of the candles to keep things safe and inventory under control. No other changes have been made.

New Business

a) A new bulletin publishing company has been hired to print our weekly mass bulletins. Beginning in January 2020, our church bulletins will be in color and have more pages. There is no cost to the church for this service. The service is paid for by local advertisers in the bulletin.

b) Father Steve announced a new Dynamic Catholic **5 year** Program coming to our church this December 2019. Out of 51,000 parishes in the United States, 25 were chosen for this pilot program. Consultants will work with our priests and “I-Team” of 9 parishioners to roll out the program. Activities will include seminars with Dynamic speakers, retreats, free book distribution and data collection. Goals include: bringing back fallen away Catholics, keeping youth active in church, strengthening faith and Catholic identity, keeping the sacraments sacred, and more pilgrimage trips to the Holy Land. The main goal is to make St. Joseph Church in Bryan, Tx a dynamic parish, one parishioner at a time. Father Steve will introduce the program at the first weekend of Advent masses on Dec. 7th and 8th, 2019. 2,500 copies of the book: Rediscovering the Saints will be given out at Christmas masses. In mid-February, our parish will host “The Dream Event” with a speaker from Dynamic Catholic. We hope for an audience of 1000 or more.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Andrew Dinh closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lis Soto