

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Council MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 18, 2018

7:00pm

Sr. Fabian Hall

Present: Father, Deacon, Jeremy, Melissa, Jose, John Brandt Finance Committee representative, Mary, Mike S., Elvira, Suzie, Lydia, Kevin, Gerard, Aidaluz and Jan.
Absent: Edward Lopez, Tim Cosgrove, Michael Anglin, and Jim Reese.

Opening Prayer – Father

Open Parishioner Comment period: First 15 minutes of every meeting - 6 parishioners present, 3 addressed the Parish Council.

Parishioner 1 – expressed concern that long time parishioners (40-50 years in parish) were asked to pay a donation upfront to have a funeral in the Church (\$300) and luncheon (\$100) in the hall. He thought long time members should not be asked for any money because of their years of support. He had spoken with Father about this issue the month before. Father encouraged him to bring it to the Council.

Parishioner 2 – expressed concern about the current flu epidemic and asked Father to recommend people not shake hands at the sign of peace but encourage a fist bump instead. The parishioner also asked that a Finance Report for 2017 be published and shared with the parish. Parishioner 3 - asked that all parishioners be asked to participate and donate for all events...funerals, receptions, etc., instead of just a specific 'group' doing all the work. All the events are for the parish, so all parishioners should be asked to participate, when and how they can.

Committee Reports

LITURGY COMMITTEE – Their request for assistance with five large upcoming parish events were emailed to PC members. During the meeting coordinators were chosen so contact information could be put in the bulletin. Easter Mass times have been updated.

*It was also announced that Jeremy will take the next step to becoming a Deacon at a special Mass & ceremony Feb. 3, 2018, 10am, at the Cathedral. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** - John Brandt Finance Committee Representative reported they are still researching a capital campaign drive in 2018 to retire the building loan faster. **SENIORS GROUP**- reported activities going well, numbers of those attending fluctuate. **WOW's** - November Bake Sale raised over \$600. **SPANISH MINISTRY** – reported the Dec. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe reception went well and they plan future events. The Spanish Choir is now active and doing well. It was reported many people still do not know we have a Spanish Mass.

Recommendation is that we advertise on Spanish Radio.

OLD BUSINESS

Silent Auction November 2017 raised over \$7000 for the parish. Thank you to all!!!!

Head Usher- Father has a candidate in mind and has spoken with him.

Vocations Box – going well. In the spring parishioners will be asked to sign up for the summer months

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Parking Lot Expansion - The Finance committee is asking for documentation of the number of cars parked along Bora Bora Ave. during Mass, to help ascertain if a parking lot expansion is needed in the future. Jan has some numbers & will forward.

Book Club 2018 –The book has been chosen: *The Lamb's Supper, The Mass as Heaven on Earth* by Scott Hahn. Jan Meigs will coordinate. March is proposed for the Book Club.

ANNOUNCEMENT –Sunday Mass will return to 11:30am as of Jan. 22, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

The Seniors Group requested announcements begin again at the end of Mass. Sometimes their events do not have enough participants because there was no reminder to sign up. Review of why announcements were stopped was discussed: liturgical reasons and length are main issues. Decision was made not to begin announcements, but to continue encouraging people to read the bulletin. Groups are welcome to put up flyers on the bulletin board and have a table in the gathering space.

Finance Committee John Brandt announced they were *considering* TV monitors be placed in the gathering space to show announcements and upcoming events.

Seniors Group has **Parish Cookbooks to sell**. Spiral bound, recipes from St. Joseph members. Wonderful gift and delicious recipes! Anyone wanting cookbooks please contact Gerry and Pauline Collet at Gerard.collet@comcast.net.

Lydia announced the WOWs will coordinate a Parish Corned Beef & Cabbage lunch on Sunday, March 18th 12pm – 5pm, in the hall. Tickets will be sold ahead of time. Face painting & activities for children. Bulletin announcement asking for donations. All groups requested to participate! Contact Coordinator Lydia Moore.

St. Joseph's float in March 17th St. Patrick's Day Parade, Melissa has someone interested in coordinating. All parishioners welcome to participate.

Rectory - Father reported that all the windows in the rectory will be replaced and a new vinyl fence will be installed in the backyard all free of charge. It was suggested that an announcement with that information be made in the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS: All PC members and parishioners invited to donate and participate.

-Jan. 23rd Deacon Sunday Espinoza Ordination as Deacon Anniversary. Cake to be served after all Masses. Contact Coordinator Lydia Moore.

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-Feb. 17th Advent Retreat in the hall for all ladies of the parish. 9:30am gathering, retreat 10am – 12pm, potluck lunch to follow. Contact Coordinator Lydia Moore.

-PROPOSED Lenten Retreat for all Parish Ministry Groups. Gather at 9:30am, Retreat 10am – 12pm. Lunch to follow. Group leaders RSVP for their members. Contact Jan Meigs.

-March 3rd Healing Mass at 11am with Potluck lunch to follow at 12pm in the hall. Contact Coordinator Jan Meigs.

-Holy Saturday Reception Saturday, March 31, 10:30pm in the hall for newly baptized and all parishioners. Bulletin announcement will ask for salads, deviled eggs, meat trays/sandwiches and desserts. Contact Coordinators Jan Meigs & Lydia Moore.

-Feast of St. Joseph the Worker Bilingual Mass May 1st at 6pm, reception at 7pm in the hall. Bulletin announcement will request people sign up for food donations. Contact Coordinator Aidaluz Romero at 801-448-2897.

-May 5th First Communion, Saturday at 5:00pm Mass. Cake to be served.

-May 8th Confirmation with Bishop Solis, Tuesday at 7:00pm Mass. Cake to be served.

-Aug. 4, Father Javier Virgen 25th Ordination Anniversary celebration. 5:00pm Saturday Mass ONLY. Reception to follow, all parishioners invited. Mariachi Band will entertain. Contact Coordinators Lydia Moore, Suzie Brown, and Aidaluz Romero. *Note: Fathers anniversary date is really in September but he will be in Mexico at that time to celebrate with family and friends.*

Next Parish Council meeting will be February 18th, 2018. 7:00pm in the Hall.

Parishioners are welcome to speak to the Council the first 15 minutes of every meeting.

Please contact Jan Meigs with any corrections or additions to the minutes at ejmeigs@yahoo.com. Meeting minutes will be published on our website at www.stjtwchurch.org. *Minutes taken and submitted by Jan Meigs, President.*