

1. The meeting convened with Opening Prayer at 6:05

2. Roll Call –

- a. *Present:* Louise Beauchemin, Margaret Beauchemin, Flor Bonilla, Paula Conway(T), Deacon Correa(T), Miguelina Correa(T), Anna Evans(T), Carin Geoffrey, Darryl Geoffrey, Sr. Juana Maria Hernandez, John Kelley, Trish Lamagdeleine, Jennie McGiverin, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Sr. Caritina Olmos, Fr. Francis Reilly, Christopher Robert, Virgen Viera
- b. *Absent:* Susan Cannon, Dora Lopez, Iliana Lopez, Michael Moriarty, Sr. Cathy Ormond

3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes from the February 7, 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Update on St. Patrick's Novena

Mary Ellen O'Connor reported that the St. Patrick Novena was an overall successful event. 854 people over 8 days (1 day was cancelled due to a snowstorm). The cost was under \$1000

5. Update on Irish Night

Jennie McGiverin provided an update on the Irish Night with Dee Reilly. It too was a successful event, with over \$5000 in profit.

6. Parish Mission Statement Cards

Louise provided samples of cards printed with our Mission Statement and some other Parish information. It was decided that we would produce 500 4x6 cards to help communicate the mission of the parish.

7. Review of Council Guidelines

- a. Two changes were made to the guidelines:
 - 1. The empty Section 10. TASK GROUPS was removed
 - 2. Section 11. COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARISH was renumbered 10 and expanded to indicate that parish council minutes, once reviewed and approved will be translated into Spanish and then posted a) on our Website, b) via Flocknote, c) on the bulletin boards in the church/chapel and d) mailed to the homebound (Bulletin mailing list).
- b. Initial terms for all council members were picked at random as follows: (with the exception that Fr. Reilly's term is unlimited and the current officers have a term of 2 years)

1 year terms expiring 12/31/2023

Flor Bonilla, Susan Cannon, Paula Conway, Deacon Correa, Miguelina Correa, Anna Evans, Sr. Juana Maria Hernandez, Sr. Caritina Olmos, Virgen Viera

2 year terms expiring 12/31/2024

Louise Beauchemin, Margaret Beauchemin, Carin Geoffrey, Darryl Geoffrey, John Kelley, Iliana Lopez, Jennie McGiverin, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Sr. Cathy Ormond, Christopher Robert,

3 year terms expiring 12/31/2025

Dora Lopez, Michael Moriarty, Trish Lamagdeleine,

8. Parish History Statement

A general discussion of the Parish History statement occurred. It was decided that the parish history statement to be included in the pastoral plan and on our website should include “current” history and should be a “living” document, updated as the parish history changes over time.

9. Social Media/Website

Parish council members made several suggestions for changes to the website which Darryl will work on implementing, including adding the option to switch between Spanish and English versions of the website.

10. Lenten FlockNote Update

Approximately 30 people are receiving the daily Lenten journey text in English and about 20 in Spanish and there are about 20 visitors to the Lenten Journey pages of our website.

11. Master Parish Volunteer List

Through Sign-Up sheets at Mass and electronically through FlockNote, we will create a volunteer list of individuals who will be called upon for tasks as they arise (e.g. filling Holy Water bottles, Decorating the church etc) If they cannot help with the task, their name will be kept at the top of the list. This list will be stored electronically in our Google Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Votive Candles

We receive donations for the Votive Candles at the IC Chapel so they need to be “lit” regularly before Mass. Flor Bonilla and Carin Geoffrey will be responsible for them.

13. Parish Commission Discussion

Due to the length of this meeting, this item was once again tabled, so it was decided that this item should be the first item on the next meeting’s agenda.

14. Pastoral Plan

For the next meeting, please think about what should be the future direction and goals of St. Jerome Parish.

15. Comments for the Good of the Council

16. Next Meeting Particulars

April 11, 2023 – Tuesday, 6 PM

17. Closing Prayer

Fr. Reilly led a closing prayer

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted for review, amendment and acceptance by Darryl Geoffrey, April 10, 2023