
Church of St Monica

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

August 18, 2015 Minutes

In Attendance: Fr Alex Enriquez, Deacon Mike Principato, Deacon Christian Knoebel, Mike Hintenach, Ron Borrello, Caroline White, Eileen San Juan-Laus, Carol Birnbaum, Michael Seiler, and Liz Hills

Opening Prayer: Fr Alex Enriquez

Welcome/Introduction/Purpose: Fr Alex opened the meeting by welcoming the newly appointed members of the council: Denis Balint, Diana Balint, Carol Birnbaum, Ron Borrello, Mike Hintenach, Eileen San Juan-Laus, Michael Seiler, and Caroline White. This council will make suggestions to Fr Alex on pastoral issues. It is an advisory committee, not a governing body. The existence of a Parish Pastoral Council is optional at the discretion of the pastor. The council will cease to exist when a new pastor is appointed to the parish. The Finance Committee is mandatory according to Canon Law.

The following committees/ministries remain unchanged: Liturgical Members, Religious Education, Social Concerns, Finance, St Martha's Cooks, Festival Committee, Women of St Monica, Building Committee, Bereavement Ministry, Youth Ministry and Knights of Columbus. They will participate in council meetings as requested.

A copy of guidelines were requested by council members.

New Business:

- Fundraiser suggestion – Mega 50/50. Target where proceeds will be utilized. Establish committee to run the event.
- Advertising our parish – New community under construction “Jackson 21” -- contact property manager – make up “Welcome” packets. Another suggestion – advertise at Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sale.
- Review of current parish directory – Recommendation: Upload to parish website.
- Installation of Parish Pastoral Council members will take place at all Masses (following communion) on October 3 and 4, 2015.
- Financial Report to Parish – Report of parish finances to parishioners at all Masses, date to be determined.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm in Little Church. The following ministry/committee chairs will be invited: Religious Education, St Martha's Cooks, Youth Group and Knights of Columbus. Each will be requested to introduce themselves, provide an overview of their ministry/group and an update on what is taking place.

The meeting concluded in prayer.