

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022
7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Dustin Auffarth, Cindy Bischoff, Jack Cassidy, Annette Dubas, Denise Ei, Lura Kearns, Cathy Loss, Kelly Lynch, Paul Prodoehl, Sandy Pultro, Betty Svirsko, Jeff Topper, Luis Zepeda

Absent: None

EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Present: Msgr. Lyons, Fr. Miller, Fr. Rothan

Absent: Deacon Pichardo, David Staub

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

- a. Msgr. Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer. Jeff Topper chaired the meeting. Members attended in person

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting was made by Paul Prodoehl and seconded by Cathy Loss. The motion passed with no amendments.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nominating Committee update
 - i. Because three Pastoral Council members are leaving due to the end of their terms, we must elect 1 and appoint 2 new Pastoral Council members.
 - ii. Two candidates have applied for the positions. Their names and a brief bio have been posted by each door of the church. Since we have one elected and 2 appointed openings, we will elect one and appoint the other.
 - iii. Voting will take place in the pews during mass on the weekends of 4/23-4/24 and 4/30-5/1. Monsignor will announce voting at mass and there will be an item in the bulletin. Ballot boxes will be at each door.
 - iv. Denise Ei, Betty Svirsko and Jeff Topper have volunteered to meet on Tuesday, May 3 to count the ballots.
- b. June 1, 2022 meeting and social
 - i. This will be our last Parish Council meeting of the fiscal year. We will say farewell to our outgoing members (Jeff Topper, Lura Kearns and Cathy Loss) and welcome to our new additions.
 - ii. We will meet at Lura Kearns' home for a brief meeting and then a dinner at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be catered by the Tap House at 7:00 pm.
- c. Synodal Process
 - i. The Parish Council chose four questions from the material given to us by the Diocese. We handed them out at mass and asked parishioners to fill out their responses and return them to us the next weekend. Those who did not want to write out their answers were encouraged to stay after masses for a series of listening sessions with a Council member. Listening sessions were sparsely attended. One person stayed after the Saturday 4:00 mass, two people stayed after the Sunday morning 8:00 mass and 6 people stayed after the Spanish-language mass at noon.
 - ii. A total of 60 written responses were collected. Denise Ei, Cindy Bischoff, Betty Svirsko and Jeff Topper met on Tuesday and each took a question and summarized the responses by topic and shared out the summaries at the Parish Council meeting. A subcommittee consisting of Monsignor Lyons, Jack Cassidy, Jeff Topper and Paul Prodoehl will meet to synthesize responses and prepare a summary document for the Diocese.
 - iii. Parish Council has addressed the questionnaire findings and the report that is sent to the Diocese will be included in next month's minutes.

- iv. Denise Ei has organized some of the comments that seem to be localized into a list of things that we can do as we continue to work to make our parish more welcoming.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was an anonymous concern raised about the familial relationship between a member of Parish Council and a church employee, based on Article IV, Section I of the Bylaws. Monsignor Lyons consulted the Vicar General and the Judicial Vicar, the head canon lawyer for our Diocese and it was determined that there is no conflict of interest. The wording will be clarified to include the phrase, "in the same household."

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Hispanic Community – This is a very busy season. In addition to offering classes, study groups and Quinceañera preparation, our Hispanic Community will present outdoor Stations of the Cross, Holy Thursday and Good Friday masses in Spanish and a Bilingual Easter Vigil service.
- b. Parish School – Our Parish School recently had a successful Open House that was open to all, but specifically directed at Latino families. Six new Latino families have registered to join our Catholic school.

VI. ROUNDTABLE

- a. Monsignor Lyons will add an item to the Pastor's Column in the bulletin to inform our parish that we need greeters and to remind parishioners to sign up for online giving before the summer vacation season.

VII. NEXT MEETING May 4, 2022 at 7 pm at the Parish Administration Office Conference Room

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER

- a. Fr. Miller closed the meeting with a blessing.

IX. TASKS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a. Read the summaries of the Synodal process carefully and communicate with the subcommittee if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Lynch, Recording Secretary