

St. Joseph Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023

Voting Members:

Present: Aldo Aviles, Cindy Bischoff, Jack Cassidy, Annette Dubas, Denise Ei, Tom Ernst, Erin Gindlesberger, Betty Himes, Paul Natishan, Lauren Rose, Maureen Thiec

Absent: Connie McNeil

Ex Officio Members:

Present: Msgr. Lyons, Fr. Miller

Absent: Fr. Rothan, Deacon Carlos

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

- A. Annette Dubas chaired the meeting.
- B. Msgr. Lyons opened the meeting with a prayer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023 meeting was made by Jack Cassidy and seconded by Paul Natishan. The motion passed with no amendments.

III. OLD BUSINESS

New Members' Luncheon

- A. Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 2:00 to 5:00 in the Social Hall
- B. Invitation letters were mailed on November 30, 2023 (67 new members and families).
- C. RSVP date of January 12, 2024
- D. Bulletin submission 12/31/23 and pulpit announcement 1/7/24 to remind new members of the event and to RSVP (Denise Ei)
- E. Follow-up phone calls to non-responders (Aldo Aviles, Denise Ei, Betty Himes, and Paul Natishan)
- F. Email to Parish Pastoral Council members and Parish ministry leaders for food contributions and ministry promotion. The menu will be carnitas, rice, beans, tortillas, and donated salads, drinks, and desserts
- G. Student volunteers from St. Joseph's 7th and 8th grade and Delone Catholic

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Hispanic Community
 - 1. November attendance 1463
 - 2. Charismatic Group continues on Wednesdays at 7:00pm

3. John XXIII continues on Thursdays at 6:30pm
 4. Fr. Ernesto Maria Caro from the Diocese of Monterrey, Mexico presented “The Devil is Looking for You” on 11/18/23
- B. Parish School
1. La Posada 12/21/23 @ 6:00pm
 2. Fr. Miller continues to teach 7th grade religion every Tuesday
 3. Msgr. Lyons continues with 2nd grade sacrament preparation
 4. All school Mass continues on the first Friday of each month
- V. ROUNTABLE
- A. The outdoor nativity scene will be displayed this year by the Holy Name Society
 - B. Consider an all parish retreat
 - C. Possible initiation of a children’s rosary in 2024
 - D. Discussion regarding Diocesan Annual Campaign, electronic giving, increasing revenue, and keeping expenses low
- VI. CLOSING PRAYER
- Fr. Miller closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.
- VII. NEXT MEETING
- January 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Fr. Joseph F. Gotwalt Administrative Center conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Bischoff
Recording Secretary