

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER, 2016**

Attendees: Fr. Jesse, Mr. Mo, Valentina Moreno, Jesus Salazar, Johanna Blanchard, Tina Robledo, Sr. San Juanita, Deacon Wally Shaw, Willie Garcia, and Steve Melaragno

Absent: Chris Thompson, Rebecca Shawver

Meeting convened at 7:05 with Readings and Reflection.

Read and approved minutes from October meeting.

Old Business

- Alex Lara no longer working for St. Mary's. Esmeralda Lopez is now working mornings from 9-2.
- Galaxy Roofing still working on Bell Tower leak
- Discussed outcome of the Pastoral Council Card Sort Activity. See Attached. Fr Jesse has done the activity with the staff but the results have not been analyzed yet. He will also do the activity with a Spanish speaking group. Fr had spoken with three pastors of major parishes concerning the program. Besides the Parish Council, which creates the vision of the parish with the pastor, Fr would like to have a Parish Leadership Team to put in practice the vision created by the Parish Council. Letters have gone out to select parishioners to meet on Nov 29 to discuss the vision, goals, etc of the Parish Leadership Team. Fr. would like to have a team in place by January, 2017.

New Business

- Liturgy Team Formation – Fr would like a group of 4 or 5 people to serve on this team to make sure everything is coordinated and handled properly for all Masses. This team would be separate from the Liturgy Committee, which creates the vision. The Liturgy Team would put the vision into action. Ex: Christ the King celebration—The Liturgy Team would be responsible for setting up for Mass and also for coordinating with the City to barricade the block around the Church for the procession. Training will be provided. Acolytes could be a part of this team.
- Fr Jesse will be creating a survey to determine if there is enough interest and commitment to have a Midnight Mass.
- Parish Council and Finance Committee will meet on Dec 2 at 7 pm for our Christmas Social. Spouses are invited. All are encouraged to bring a gift (\$10 value) for the “white elephant” gift exchange.

Faith Formation Report

Sr. San Juanita is very involved with our youth—lots of activities/service opportunities to keep them engaged. Some of the highlights:

- Fall Fest was a good time. Will get feedback from families on where we can improve.
- Still looking for animals for the live Nativity on Dec 9. Has a stable and babies lined up. Evelyn Nightingale will also work with the children.
- Trying to get a count of students who will be attending the March for Life on Jan 27.
- More students are stepping forward to lector, usher, etc. Eucharistic Ministers must be at least 18 and confirmed in order to serve.
- Working on completing the Sacred and Safe program with parents.
- Talking with Oyster Creek Children's Crisis Ctr. Wants to get youth involved helping with Thanksgiving dinner. Trying to make plans for Christmas as well.
- Pancakes with Santa on Dec 17
- Sweetheart Dance (adults only) in Feb as fundraiser for youth. Already has a DJ
- Thinking about youth holding a retreat for parents to attend
- Possibly Mother/Son dance in May and Father/Daughter dance in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member