

SAINT MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2017

Attendees: Father Kottar, Deacon James, Mary Borchert, Sharon Burkhardt, Laura Ziegler, Maureen Westlund, Araceli Sanchez, Ramiro Castro, Maira Avalos, John Reuscher, Terry Seen

Absent: Inge Collins

Liturgy of the Hours began at 7:05 pm

Old Business

- August Minutes were read, corrected and approved.
- Pastoral Constitution Mission Statement will be presented at a future meeting.
- Pastoral Plan Process:

The Five Year Parish Plan will include Pastor's Vision Statement, Mission Statement and 3-4 General Parish Goals

Vision statement was discussed and topics to include decided.

-In addition, Father will also include the issues required by the Diocese in his Parish Vision Statement.

Once the General Goals are established, each Commission will develop a plan to implement these goals. Goals suggested by the Council were community outreach, more parish involvement, more youth involvement, more prayer opportunities and Eucharistic Adoration

- Pastoral Plan will be announced in the Bulletin.
- Pastoral Plan updates are available on the church website.
- Council Members received a document listing the Parish Commissions, Leaders, Mission Statements, Job Descriptions and Ministries/Functions. Father explained that the Commissions are a way to organize the Church so that they can coordinate with each other. Each Commission is to report to the Parish Council.

- Festival Report: Final numbers not yet available.

New Business

- Pastoral Plan: The next step is to develop and administer a survey in order to receive parish input
- A Raffle to benefit the Youth Group as well as the Syrian/Iraqi Christian Refugees was suggested. Tickets would be \$20, with a Grand Prize of \$5,000. Father said he would research this idea.
- Valentine's Day Party: Scheduled for February 9 or 10, with venue to be determined.
- Christmas Plans:
 - Church Cleaning- 12/20, 8:30am
 - Church Decorating- 12/21, flowers arrive 12/22/1017
- Next Meeting: January 15, 2018, 7 pm
- Closing Prayer 8:40 pm