

**Parish Council Meeting/Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
September 27, 2018**

Connie Ramos, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Father Mark led the council in prayer.

Members present: Connie Ramos, Ron Haley, Jackie Schiedler, Elmer Williams, Estrella Brown. Ex-officio members: Father Mark Gikenyi, Deacon Paul Cramer.

The minutes were read with the following corrections made: Section 2d-St. John the Baptist needs to be identified as the mission church; Section 3-The Archbishop's mass will be in 2019 not 2018.

The minutes were approved with the corrections.

1. Advent Retreat
 - a. It will be on Dec. 8, 2018 from 9-2:30. St. John's was asked to bring at least 2 main dishes and 2 salads and desserts.
 - b. The advertisement times were adjusted and will be emailed to Connie and Father for any further corrections.
 - c. The NBVM Hospitality group will set up the hall on Friday, Dec. 7. Flowers will be needed in front of the altar and maybe a smaller one in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If possible flowers will be placed in the hall for decorations.
2. The schedule for future days of obligations/celebration were discussed, and final schedules will be posted later.
 - a. Nov. 1, Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 24th Vigil, Dec. 24 Christmas Mass at night.
 - b. Dec. 25, Christmas day will have one Mass at 10:00 for both the parish and the mission churches.
3. The Archbishop's celebration of Mass is still scheduled for March 17, 2019 with lunch following.
4. NBVM sign on Highway 30-Ron Haley
 - a. The sign will be similar to the one on the lawn in front of the hall and will follow state requirements.
 - b. The cost is \$347.52 for one side but both sides will have the advertisement.
 - c. Ron will have a detailed drawing ready for the members before the next meeting.
5. Starting with Mass on Sunday, October 28, 2018, the Readers and the Ministers of the Cup will no longer have to process in or recess out. They will still have to meet in the sacristy before Mass starts for prayer with Father.
6. SJB will be having a Parish Council meeting on Thursday, October 11, to discuss the financial situation of their mission church. On Sunday, October 14, the congregation will meet after their 11:15 Mass to discuss their financial situation and solutions.
7. Needs for Father.
 - a. Father needs a new mattress. His mattress is quite old and uncomfortable.
 - b. In order for Father to have an office in the back room the two areas need to be divided by a permanent wall.
8. A new directory was discussed to update the families of both NBVM and SJB. Olan Mills can take the photos and put the directory together. We will need an organizer for this activity.
9. Family registrations for both NBVM and SJB need to be updated.
10. Deacon Paul led the council in the closing prayer.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Estrella Brown
Parish Council Secretary