

Parish Council Meeting  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church  
August 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the Council Chair, Connie Ramos, at 6:02. Father Mark led us in an opening prayer.

Members Present: Connie Ramos, Jackie Schiedler, Ron Haley, Del Elbert, Estrella Brown. Ex-officio present: Father Mark Gikenyi, Deacon Paul Cramer. Visitor: Tomez Greer, Finance Council Chair. Absent: Elmer Williams

The minutes were read. One correction was added: The meeting is always open by the Chair rather than Father opening the meeting with a prayer. All future minutes will now reflect that. It was moved by Jackie Schiedler that we approved the minutes as corrected. Ron Haley seconded the motion. All members approved the minutes as corrected.

Each person present then shared how the Holy Spirit has blessed their lives.

1. Advent Retreat

- a. The retreat will be on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, to be led by Monsignor Gerard O'Connor, the Director of the Office of Divine Worship.
- b. The schedule will be as follows:
  - i. 9:00 -Mass Since this date is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception, this Mass will serve as the Holy Day Mass.
  - ii. Session I-10:00 to 12:00
  - iii. Pot Luck lunch 12:00-1:00
  - iv. Session II: 1:00 to 2:30
- c. Vigil Mass will still be at 5:00
- d. Connie will call the Monsignor to discuss possible themes, ideas for each session, any materials needed, and his stipend.
- e. The stipend for Monsignor O'Connor should be ready for him on that day rather than mailing it later.
- f. On Sept. 23, Connie and Estrella will have a short meeting with the SJB Parish Council to discuss the retreat and any ideas from them.
- g. During the week of Sept. 24, Connie and Estrella will go over ideas for a flyer to be mailed to the churches in our Vicariate and to St. Rose and their missions. Our goal is to mail the flyers by the end of Sept.

2. Status of SJB

- a. SJB will have a town hall meeting sometime in October to discuss their financial situation. Linda will work on their finances to see what is needed before their meeting.
- b. The SJB Council suggested to Father that at the town hall they will ask parishioners to see what they can do about raising their weekly contributions.
- c. The Council's hope is that after monitoring the situation for three months after the meeting, that there will be an increase in their contributions and that their financial status will improve.

- d. Father emphasized that it is the responsibility of the NBVN parish to help the mission in their times of financial needs. Hopefully, SJB parishioners will understand what they will need to do to sustain their mission church.
3. The Archbishop's celebration of our Mass will be Sunday, March 17, 2019.
  - a. The Mass will be at 10:00. One Mass for both parishes.
  - b. A committee will be formed to help plan the details of the Mass.
  - c. A Pot Luck lunch will follow.
4. Safety First Grant.
  - a. The work for this year has been completed with a new ADA ramp and rails to the church, fixing the sidewalks on D and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets, fixing the stairs and sidewalks leading to the sacristy.
  - b. We asked for \$18,200.00. The grant and its addendum were approved. The Archdiocese reimbursed NBVM, \$9,100.00-50% of the amount.
  - c. Ideas for 2019 Safety First Grant were presented: the purchase of 2 AED's, one for the church and one for the hall and training for a certain number of parishioners.
  - d. Finance Council will look at other areas around the church for the 2019 Safety First Grant.
5. Flowers for the church
  - a. Iola Pfaff has offered her flowers again for the summer. The problem is the parishioners who would like to get them can no longer handle going up and down her hillside.
  - b. Whenever we can get flowers, they will be provided.
6. Rummage Sale
  - a. The rummage sale was August 17-18, 2018. The Committee had a lot of people sign up to help. The Hamburger sale was a success as always with the sale of 58 burgers.
  - b. The last count of the income was \$1648. That is not the final count until Linda Bailey does the counting and then the depositing.
  - c. No official bake sale was held, but Martha Cramer did do her baking and donated her items. Next year, a separate sign up for the bake sale will be available.
7. Bazaar
  - a. The Bazaar will be tentatively held the second weekend of November. After the bazaar, the committee will discuss the future of this fundraiser.

The next meeting for the Council will be held Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, at 6:00.

Del Elbert tendered her resignation. With regret we accepted and thanked her for all that she has done for the parish.

Father said a final prayer.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Estrella Brown, Parish Council Secretary