

Pastoral Council Meeting-Nov. 8, 2018
Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church

Connie Ramos, Council chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Connie gave the opening prayer from the book *Hebrews* by Dr. Mary Healy, "...if the family of God has problems be part of the solution." (A short excerpt from the reading.)

Members present: Connie Ramos, Ron Haley, Jackie Schiedler, and Estrella Brown. Not present: Elmer Williams. Ex-officio members present: Father Mark Gikenyi and Deacon Paul Cramer.

The minutes were read and approved. MSP by Jackie Schiedler and Connie Ramos.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Advent Retreat

1. Advent Retreat schedule has been changed. There will be two breaks in between the sessions and the retreat will end at 1:45. Connie will send the final schedule to Estrella after hearing from Monsignor O'Connor.
2. The Hospitality Ministry will set up the hall on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018.

B. Update on the financial situation of St. John the Baptist Mission

1. The Finance Council was unable to meet before the scheduled Town Hall Meeting, which was to be held on October 13, 2018. The Town Hall, therefore, was also postponed.
2. William Stahl is revising the budget to reflect their expenses from last year and what will probably be needed for this current fiscal year.
3. Another Finance Council and Town Hall will be rescheduled with attendance by the Pastoral Council of NBVM for support and to offer strategic ideas to the SJB to meet their financial obligations.
4. Father has decided that in order to help them with their finances that all Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be held at NBVM, both morning and evening. This addition to NBVM will help SJB with their expenses that cover Father's transportation and their heating and electrical expense for both the hall and the church.

C. Missal and Music Issue expense for both the parish and the mission

1. The missal and music books are major expenses for both NBVM and SJB.
2. One suggestion is to purchase a combined missal and music issue that will cover the three cycles of the readings. The expenses would be about the same that we are spending yearly for the first four years. After the fourth year, the books will be ours and there will be no more payments.
3. Connie will contact the St. Mary's in Kelso to see if we could borrow their missal/music book for us to examine. She will also investigate other options.
4. OCP also has music issues that don't expire. This will also be investigated.

D. The Budget

1. William Stahl is looking at the budgets for both the parish and the mission to see what else we could cut.
2. It was also suggested that we have a contingency budget for emergencies.

E. Highway sign-Ron Haley

1. Ron presented a draft of what the sign will look like on Highway 30.

2. The cost will be \$916.90. This expense does not include the posts that will be used to attach the sign,
- F. Connie's presentation
1. Connie will make a presentation at the 5:00 vigil, Nov. 17, and 9:00 Mass, Nov. 18.
 2. She will talk to the parish about the sign, the retreat, and a new missal/music book.
- G. Annual Bazaar
1. Estrella gave a run-down about the bazaar Nov. 9 and 10 from 9-4.
 2. The sign-up sheets worked really well.
 3. Many parishioners signed up to bring bake goods.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Monstrance
1. After the budget is presented by the Finance Council, a new Monstrance will be discussed.
 2. The average cost is \$3,000.00
- B. Update registration cards
1. Estrella will work on a new registration sheet for all parishioners to update and for new parishioners.
- C. Father's office in the back room
1. Estrella met with a contractor about building a wall in the back room to separate an area for Father's office.
 2. As of this meeting, the contractor had not presented his estimate.
- D. Files in the office
1. There is a need to reorganize the files in the office.
 2. Jewel Lee and Estrella have volunteered to work on them.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Ron will present the opening and closing prayer.

Pizza will be ordered by Connie.

Deacon Paul gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Estrella Brown
Pastoral Council Secretary