

Parish Council Minutes
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
June 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Chairperson, Connie Ramos. Connie led us in opening prayers. Members present: Fr. Mark Gikenyi, Connie Ramos, Ron Haley, Elmer Williams, Estrella Brown. Absent: Jackie Schiedler.

Each member shared how the Holy Spirit has been present in their lives.

The Minutes of the last meeting, 2/28/2019 was read. One correction: Father Woods first name is Chuck not Jack. M/S/P

1. Budget
 - a. Budgets by different ministries were turned in.
 - b. Liturgy/Environment Proposed for July 2019-June 2020-Brenda Plourde
 - i. Sacramental supplies \$4,200.00 (\$4,098.33 was spent last fiscal year)
 - ii. Liturgical supplies \$1,000.00 (\$832.42 was spent last fiscal year)
 - c. Music/Missals-\$1,200.00-Connie Ramos
 - d. RCIA-\$250.00 for Journey of Faith text packets, Wooden Crosses, the New American Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Folders, Baptism/Confirmation Stoles (Adult/Child sizes), Gifts for new converts, Miscellaneous items.-Jewel Lee
 - e. Hospitality-\$500 for kitchen supplies, coffee, creamers, etc. –Estrella Brown
 - f. \$1,000.00 for religious education.
2. Advent Booklets need to be ordered soon. The Magnificat is preferred.
3. The council examined the hardback missals which will contain the entire 3 year cycle which would also contain other celebrations, the solemnities, and the feast. Daily Mass Liturgy Books would also be purchased but not the same number as the Sunday missals. Total cost would be around \$2,600 for both the Sunday missals and the daily missals. The amount would be paid off in two years after which the book would be the church's property with no further payments.
4. The music books were also discussed. What we currently order, *Today's Liturgy* (set of 10 about \$100/year), *Respond and Acclaim* (Set of 10 about \$145/year), will continue to be used. We will also continue to use our current music issue for the congregation. Connie will order the *Credo Hymnal* for the council to examine at the next meeting.
5. It was suggested that the special collection envelopes be eliminated from the parishioners' boxes for next year. For example, some Sundays would have two envelopes but parishioners only use one and most of the time it is the "Special Collection" envelope. Hopefully, we can get hold of the company and ask them to take out some of those "special collection" envelopes.
6. Pastoral Council election for new members is to take place in November. Father would like to continue with the current members for the next three years but feels that we should ask two new members to join. Suggestion should be given at the next Council meeting.
7. Some council members are concerned about a need for yearly financial statements and the idea of a bookkeeper was introduced. Father will talk to the Archdioceses about our where we are with our financial status.
8. A report was given by Estrella Brown about the money counters. The counters work with a partner. The volunteers are Jewel Lee and Anne Greer; Carol Chesebro and Kay Hansen; Christina Hayward and Brenda Plourde. Estrella is also present at each of the countings. The collection is counted every Monday at 9:00. Lee Dillon completes the summary sheets for each parishioner.
9. Not all of the Lenten Prayer Cards were returned. For next year, we need to make sure that all Families have their names written on the cards.

10. The charge for the use of the Hall for funerals is \$50.00 for parishioners and \$100.00 for non-parishioners. No objections from the members. There are also stipends for Father and Deacon. Father will discuss the costs with individual families when he assesses on their individual situations.
11. The Hospitality Ministry is concerned about the lack of families volunteering to provide goodies for hospitality after Sunday Mass. Father suggested that something is placed in the bulletin for a few Sundays and announcements can be made at Mass.
12. Signup sheets for the Garage Sale the second week of August are on the table in the Hall. We will have the BBQ depending on the number of volunteers. The Monday Crafters are concerned about the continuation of the Bazaar fund raiser because the number of volunteers who make hand-crafted items have decreased. They will have a Bazaar this November but will evaluate the situation after the Bazaar.
13. Connie Ramos and Ron Haley will be attending the Archdioceses Parish/Pastoral Council. Friday, Nov. 22 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8:30-4:00.
14. Connie will be calling the Archival Office of the Archdioceses to see if they know what relic we and SJB have in our altars.
15. Connie will go to the Grotto to see what CD's it carries for background music during reconciliation services.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, at 6:00.

After final prayers by Connie, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Estrella Brown
Parish Council Secretary