

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Minutes
June 9, 2020

The St. Joseph Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Religious Educational building.

Present were: Lupe Alonso, Eugene Holub, Luci Labay, Kenny Svrcek, Ariel Buentello, Theresa Alvarez, Maria Santellano, Pat Elliott, and Father Pedro Castillo.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Ariel Buentello. The minutes were read and Maria Santellano made a motion to accept them. Kenny Svrcek seconded the motion and the minutes were passed.

Coronavirus

The parish is adhering to the Bishop's request to keep capacity at fifty percent. St. Joseph will continue to live stream mass for those unable to attend. Weekly masses will continue and the additional Spanish mass on Saturday.

Land Acquisition

Delinquent taxes were paid on the property that the parish is interested in acquiring next door. Rita Juergens has contacted the Chancellor of the diocese by e-mail concerning the purchase and is waiting for a response.

Religious Freedom Week

Eugene has posted information concerning Religious Freedom Week on the parish website. Are there any ideas promoting it? Suggestions were: put it in the bulletin, post on our Facebook page and maybe do something during the weekday masses.

Parish website

The parish website has been doing well and has been visited by over 1,000 people. This includes visits from other countries. Eugene will add current information about the coronavirus and what each parish is expected to do during the pandemic. Eugene will also continue to work on Flocknote.

Youth Ministry

The Youth group has not met due to the pandemic. Maria will contact students to help take down the old Stations of the Cross and replace with new ones when it is okay to do so. Confirmation will be moved to the Spring of 2021. No date has been set at this time. The current class will be combined with this coming year's class for a refresher course.

Camera System

The parish received a quote from Ace Audio for \$4,000.00 for a new camera system. The council determined this was too high. Ariel Buentello will seek alternative solutions that are more reasonable.

Maintenance

An e-mail update from Richard Pesl on maintenance:

- Parts for the door have been ordered and when received will be installed
- Someone to come and look at fixing the lock on the garage door
- Meet with Jeff Zapata about electrical safety
- Oncor will not take down the tree on the power line and the parish will be responsible
- Contact ADT
- Can the Stations be taken down for easier lawn maintenance

Mayfest

The Knights of Columbus will meet and discuss having a raffle in August with tickets sold for the Mayfest. The Knights of Columbus hall has not reopened for functions due to the pandemic.

Parking Lot items

Pat will look into getting the signs for the Holy Family Chapel. Are there any thoughts on integrating the Spanish and English mass community for the prayer garden?

Consider discussion at the next meeting on how the church can address racial diversity.

Father Pedro led the closing prayer. Maria Santellano made a motion to end the meeting and Ariel Buentello seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Religious Educational building.

Pat Elliott
Recorder

