

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Attendees:

Pat Jerman, Kenny Svrcek, Claudia Hernandez, Eugene Holub, Felipe Pacheco, Pete Zenner, Claudia Hernandez, and Father John Boiko

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. Father opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from our July 31st meeting were read and approved by Kenny and Pete Zenner.
- Maria's replacement: since Maria Santellano is now our business administrator she can no longer be a member of the council. Father will announce the opening and ask for volunteers from the 5pm Saturday Mass as Maria was the representative for that Mass. All openings coming up in February will also need to be filled. These openings include the 9am elected position, currently Eugene Holub and the Altar Society representative, currently Pat Jerman. New officers will not be elected until these replacements are made.
- Fundraising: the Fundraising Committee, headed by Pete Zenner, has met twice. They are contemplating the first of May for a fundraising festival event. They are looking at what is going on in Rockdale and checking parish calendar to try and avoid conflicts with other planned activities. General ideas were discussed. The date for the next Fundraising committee meeting is November 10th at 7pm.
- Building Project: Pete and Father are still pursuing a master plan.
- Maintenance: Discussion was held on regular maintenance of the parish buildings and facilities. This has been done on a volunteer basis in the past, but a more timely maintenance operation is needed. This would include regular walk inspections to keep up with maintenance, both preventative and reactive. Kenny volunteered to fix the restroom issue. It was discussed that the automatic flushing facilities should be replaced with manual valves to avoid incidents like the one that occurred a few weeks ago. It was also brought up that we have some outside lighting issues. The question posed was, can we afford to pay a part-time maintenance person? This must be looked at with the Finance committee.
- Organization Reports:
 - The KC's reported that they are having a drive-thru only chicken dinner on November 9th from 10am until sold out. Also, the KC memorial Mass is November 18, at 6pm.
 - The Guadalupanas are having the All Saints Carnival on November 9th from 9am until sold out. This will take place in the Cooke House backyard; there will be lots of food and games for families. The council wants to promote both events and get the word out to parishioners as well as non-parishioners.
 - The Ladies Altar Society hosted the Deanery Meeting on Tuesday, October 28th. The meeting and luncheon were held in the RE building from 10am to 2pm. The Altar Society will be having their annual fundraiser on December 6 and are selling raffle tickets after all Masses.

- If you have any updates for the website, please contact Eugene.
- Father John gave some discussion on the audit done by the Diocese. We have addressed many of the items the audit identified that needed to be changed or upgraded.
- Felipe Pacheco has volunteered to replace the church sign with a metal frame. Once he has finished we will have a new sign made, maybe using Rockdale Signs.
- Eugene will be checking on what it will take to get our church bell system operational. It was discussed whether or not the money for any repairs or upgrades can come out of the permanent building fund. We might need the diocesan legal folks to weigh in.
- A new directory was discussed since there are new faces that not everyone knows. We discussed also that our 150-Year anniversary will be coming up in four years. (we were founded in 1880; see the website “About Us” / ”History” tab). Maybe we could do something that is online or a simple directory without the professional photographer, etc.?
- No new business was brought up.
- The next meeting was scheduled for November 25, at 7pm.
- The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Father at 8:15pm.