

Holy Family Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 27, 2025

Members Present:

Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo (President of Council)
John Robertson (Representative to attend Finance Council Meetings. Next Finance Council meeting 8 May 2025)
Celeste Johns (Representative to attend Finance Council Meetings. Next Finance Council meeting 8 May 2025)
Kati Bennett
Jacqueline Dane
Anthony Drogos
Dianne Fajardo (Secretary of Pastoral Council)

Members Absent:

Tom Mc New (Vice President of Council)
Lina Tuiasosopo
Wayne Moore

Visitors:

Joe Worley (St. Vincent de Paul)
Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs. **Opening Prayer-** Fr. Augustine

OLD BUSINESS

Reconstruction Update.

Roof- There were leaks noted during heavy rains and repaired. NO further leaks noted.
Final walk through completed by Fr. Augustine and Contractor.

Kitchen Renovation-

Discussed the option to provide privacy for men's restroom, by constructing a door between supply room and kitchen and closing door between men's restroom and supply room.

Stove replacement- Need hand signed tax-exempt form. Awaiting reply from the store where the stove was purchased. Need city inspector prior to Installation of appliance. Estimated time for completion of installation within two (2) months.

Tom Mc New is currently working on this project.

New Parishioner Reception/ Monthly donut Sunday:

Fr. Augustine welcomes all new parishioners every weekend at the end of each Mass.

A monthly reception took place on April 5th and 6th. Ministry Leads were available to welcome and encourage involvement in ministries.

Rosary Prayer Garden Renovation:

Fr. Augustine is working on hiring professional landscapers to make the Rosary Prayer Garden an ADA assessable place where all parishioners may sit, relax, and pray.

Other Matters Arising:

Church beautification:

Fr. Augustine and Jackie Dane met with artists to start the project of painting a mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Building A facing Veterans' Ave. The large cinder block housing the statue of the Blessed Virgin located in front of the wall, needs to be demolished. Assistance needed from volunteers to help with demolition. The tree in front of the wall will have branches removed for full visualization of the painted mural.

Jackie suggested updating Parish Website and using QR codes moving Holy Family Parish into leading edge technology.

Elections:

Any parishioner desiring to be on the Pastoral Council should submit their name and a short BIO to the office.

EIM:

John Robertson suggested parishioners who participate in various ministries are delinquent on their EIM Certification/Recertification. He recommended that an in-person class be planned to facilitate compliance with Diocese Regulation.

Recertification is also available online.

Follow up the previous Pastoral Council Meeting:

Tom Mc New to F/U for approval and signature of Pastoral Council Constitution and Statutes by Fr. Bryan Mc Masters. Dean, Temple Deanery, Diocese of Austin. Once signed official copy of document then “Placed on File” in church office.

Discussed measures to enhance the recording of 1230 Mass.

Working on organ. Sixty percent completed.

Kati Bennett- VBS budget- work is in progress.

CONCERNS/QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS PLACED IN PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMUNICATION BOX LOCATED IN NARTHEX OF MAIN ENTRANCE.

- **Increase in line jumping during the reception of Holy Eucharist.**
 - Response- To diminish line / queue jumping, and promote an atmosphere of reverence, as we move forward to receive our Lord during Holy Communion, the Ushers will facilitate the flow of parishioners exiting the pews.
- **Why is only one intention offered per Mass?**
 - Response- The principle of “One Mass, One Intention” documented in Canon Law 948, of the Code of Canon Law, which states: “Separate Masses must be applied for the intention of those for whom an individual offering has been made and accepted”.
- **Suggestion for brochures from the office to move across from sacristy.**
 - Response- To allow for clutter-free Emergency Exit, the brochures will remain in the present space in the office.

- **Request for financial assistance for utility bills and pet food**
 - Response- Request given to Joe Worley, (present at meeting) Ministry Lead for St. Vincent de Paul who aids parishioners and members of Copperas Cove Community with money for utility bills and food for people and their pets.
- **Suggestion made for Spanish Mass.**
 - Response- referred to Fr. Augustine.
- **Comment: Musicians are too loud. They drown out the Cantor.**
 - Response-Comment referred to Music Director.

Update from Joe Worley

Our Brother's House is in an 80 + year old house, on church property, decaying with age, from, but not limited to poor drainage and, a leak from refrigerator, leading to infestation issues. Repairs are in progress. Average contribution from Holy Family parishioners is \$4,000. The average monthly cost of food/ supply is \$5,000. The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry recently received \$10,000. There is an increase in the cost of food per pound.

Their clients living on Social Security receive \$700. monthly with additional \$118-\$165. in food stamps. The food stamp allowance has now decreased to \$57-\$65 monthly. The cost of rent in the least desirable housing area in Copperas Cove is \$700. The ministry does not assist clients with rent.

There has been an increase in requests for assistance.

Closing Prayer- Fr. Augustine

Next Pastoral Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 1st May at 6:30 pm in Social Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Fajardo 14 April 2025