

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Pastoral Council Minutes, September 5, 2024

Present:

Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo
Rosa Subialdea
Lina Tuiasosopo
Tom McNew
Robin Spencer
Rodney Davenport
Celeste Johns

Absent:

Dianne Fajardo
Anthony Drogos

Guests: Dymphna Mohr, Andrew Mohr, Tanner Dane
Jackie Dane, Anne Marie McNew, Nicholas Elliotte,

Meeting called to order at 6:02
Opening prayer by Fr. Augustine

OLD BUSINESS

Rodney updated us on building status:

- The Diocesan representative did an assessment of roof damages for all areas where roof repair is needed. Insurance will cover cost minus our \$10,000 deductible. As of right now we are waiting on dates for repair for main church and FFC. The flat roof over the garage has been temporarily repaired until permanent roof is replaced with main church, office and rectory. Social Hall roof will be repaired after AC in nursery is replaced. The walls and abatement will be scheduled with another contractor for around the same time.
- Sound system in the FFC is fixed
- Bldg A, all keyed knobs have been replaced so as not to have anyone lock doors accidentally, with the exception of the main door. WIFI is working in the building. Lina asked if we could order an HDMI cord – Rodney said he had an extra one he would bring in. She also asked for a couch perhaps from the garage sale items.
- Still awaiting a date for youth mass start up – the goal at this time is to get it started and have it once a month at the 12:30 mass.
- Homeless situation seems better – there was some discussion that one of the men that was hanging around is no longer in the area and the other one has been talked to, mentioned to the police and the consensus is that he is harmless and at this time is not looking for help in finding a place, just sometimes hangs out in our area.

NEW BUSINESS

- Father is having Deacon Poyo here during Advent for a mission to focus on spiritual formation and also a Lenten mission perhaps with the Fathers of Mercy
- New Parish council members will need to be appointed by Father or have an election to replace Don Whittenberger and Robin Spencer, whose terms are up according the timeline of the by-laws.
- Organ Pipe connection is ongoing as it is an intricate process but has begun and hoping to be completed by Christmas

- Quarterly meet and greet Sunday will begin the weekend of Oct. 5-6. Lina will get with the office to procure donuts and coffee. It was suggested that perhaps we could look at lite breakfast food versus donuts. The hope is that ministry representatives will be on hand to share what there ministry is about and invite more members.
- It will be looked into by the office as to the efficacy of getting a subscription to the Hallow app for the parish as there are some opportunities there for spiritual growth and perhaps a communication piece. It was debated as to whether it is worth it as it may be similar to what we already have in Formed.
- New Parishioner reception – we would like to gather a committee around Dianne as a welcome committee to help with welcoming new parishioners. It was suggested that in addition or in place of, the letter to the new parishioners that we give them a hand out with pertinent information when we recognize them at mass along with their medal. It was also suggested that a more significant gift be given when they actually register. This will be tabled and considered for another meeting.
- Christmas parade – we would like to have a float in the Christmas parade this year, the entry fee is \$15. Lina will work on a theme and gather a committee to work on this.
- Many tiles in the church (most in the sanctuary area) need to be replaced. Considerations will be thought of ideas brought back.
- Lina brought up a concern that the crucifix may be a safety hazard as one of the cables looks to be thinning. Rodney will bring someone in to look at it ASAP.
- Anne Marie asked if Father wanted her to organize the Holy Family novena again, he replied in the affirmative
- Rodney asked if the parish would be interested in hosting a New Years Eve Party this year. He will put it out to the ministry leads to see if any of them would like to host. He will also ask about who might want to host the volunteer appreciation dinner this year.
- Trunk or treat is scheduled for Oct. 27 in the parking lot of the church from 5-7, youth group will host
- It was asked what the status of the Young Adult group was as all members expressed how important it was to keep this group going. Father will follow up with Andrew.
- Lina thought it would be helpful for the parish to have a better calendar of events for the various ministries attached to the website. Rodney will check with the office to see if the ministry heads can have access to updating this part of the site. He was not sure if this was possible.
- A mom's group for our parish will begin meeting 2 Oct and will include fellowship and family adoration on some Wednesdays of the month. They will meet in the nursery. Lina is coordinating this. She asked if the nursery could be updated with some items to help the kids be busy. Maybe another kid sized table.
- Lina suggested we watch – as a council – the Formed series “Revive Parishes – Parish Renewal by Tim Glemkowski. Father mentioned this was a good idea as the parish council (through diocesan rules) is supposed to attend training yearly.
- Lina suggested a spring fest as another option to fundraise. This would look different from the fall fest in that it would have competitive games between ministries, each team recruiting sponsors and signing up as a team for the various sport activities. IT was mentioned that perhaps rather than a fund raiser, this be considered more of a picnic to encourage fellowship and camaraderie. This will be tabled and discussed further.

Fall fest updates:

- The committee is hosting a pageant for girls and boys aged 4 through seniors in high school. The winners are those who sell the most tickets in each category. Sign up is by Sept. 8 and an informational meeting will take place on Sept. 9.
- The committee said they were still in need of volunteers for booths – it was suggested that each booth have a chairperson and they find their volunteers for the day
- The committee was happy with the sign ups for set up and tear down but was always willing to take more volunteers
- Ticket sales continue and they still need ministries to volunteer to sell over the next few weeks after mass
- A few items were asked of past chair, Tom McNew, about main tent and fence set up, he provided information
- There will be a DJ and emcee – they will be housed outside and winners of raffle tickets will be announced from this area
- A concern was expressed about the local health inspector meet only with the chair of that committee for the fest, as they came in when the chair did not realize this and talked with someone else not on the committee. This way information comes and goes with the proper channels. With new guidelines for food safety, the food items may be less this year. Guidelines for home baked goods must be in compliance with the Texas Cottage Law which requires the name and phone number for whomever made the items with complete ingredients listed. The concern was people who baked would not want their name and number out there. It was suggested that we cook at Holy Family and Jackie said she would come test the oven to see if it worked properly and then would suggest a day of cooking for the Ladies' Society.

A parishioner put in a concern about safety in regards to the difficulty in locking and unlocking the main doors of the church. It was suggested that we replace the doors rather than just fix locks. This will be looked into and an update will be given.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Father at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24 at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Spencer, Sept. 11, 2024