

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2021**

**Present:** Fr Francisco Rodriguez, Santiago Romero, Robert Munoz, Melissa Hernandez Munoz, Sonia Favela-Esparza, Sr Arnold Ritchey, Linda Gonzalez-Hensgen, Loretta Dillon, Rocio Flores, Carmen Molina, Hector Molina, Christina Lara                      **Staff:** Paula Favela, Mary Lou Romero

**Call to order by Christina Lara 6:02 pm**

**Opening Prayer:** Loretta Dillon

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Loretta Dillon, second by Sonia Favela-Esparza Romero. Minutes approved.

**New Business:**

1. **Religious Formation (Birch Street) Building**– Meeting was held with Director of Catholic properties regarding giving back the property to the Diocese. It is currently in need of much repair and is not being used except for religious formation classes. Staff has been told in the past that we could use the EPISO conference room but will confirm for possible use for religious formation classes. Another suggestion was use of courtyard when weather permits. Carmen Molina motion to return Birch Building to Diocese; Bob Munoz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved. Will discuss how will get rid of what is there at next meeting.
2. **Lector Workbooks** -Staff is going to order workbooks for al lectors. If lector can, will ask them to repay parish the \$14 cost. Books will be purchased by Advent.
3. **Capital Campaign**– There is a new Director of the Capital campaign for diocese who met with staff and Father. There will be a relaunching in November. There is a company that will be responsible for sending letters to all parishioners.
4. **Liturgical Music** -Father Francisco offered some insight regarding music during mass. Not all religious songs are liturgical. Songs should accompany action during mass. Entrance song should be one of pilgrimage. Offertory should mention bread/wine. The end of mass music does not have to be liturgical. Discussion that choirs have liturgical planner that has songs according to action. Selina made point that the planner sometimes suggests music that relates to the readings, gospel or homily not just liturgical actions.
5. **Sharing of minutes** –Discussion regarding sharing of approved minutes with all ministers to make more people aware of work of Pastoral council. Everyone in agreement. Starting with September minutes, they will be posted on webpage and emailed to ministers.
6. **Advent Retreat** –Father would like to have an advent retreat for all parishioners. Does not think there is enough time to plan for this year but would like to plan for future and have 3; Advent, Lent, Pentecost. During next month’s meeting will talk about one for Pentecost. For Lent, Father will work with Paula as to how it was organized in the past. Father feels that everyone, especially ministers would benefit and feels that we need an evangelization retreat to bring more people to the parish. Suggestion to send mailer to those that had attended in the past welcoming them back or perhaps a postcard to people that live within the parish.
7. **Bereavement Ministry** –Melissa Hernandez wants to launch this ministry at All Saints. She has been currently working with a group led by Christo Rey parish. She feels that there is a need for

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this type of support group as many parishioners have had to deal with passing of family and friends especially during the last year. Discussion that the group is only to provide support by listening and accompanying those grieving, but can not offer any kind of advice or counseling. For those wanting to participate, a group from Christo Rey would come to train and we would need to make sure that anyone that comes to train at church has completed Virtus training.

**Old Business:**

1. **Pastoral Council Update** – Santiago will share organizational chart with everyone to ensure no one was left out. Father will meet with Coordinators. New organization/responsibilities will not start yet.
2. **Planning for Parish Feast, November 7** – Due to time, decision made to meet on October 19<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for Parish feast.

**Next Meeting: Date: November 9, 2021 6 pm (Zoom)**

**Opening Prayer-**Melissa Hernandez

**Closing Prayer-** Bob Munoz

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:45 pm