

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

Present: Fr. Francisco Rodriguez, Santiago Romero, Melissa Hernandez-Munoz, Robert Munoz, Sister Arnold Ritchey, Rocio Flores, Richard Romero, Christina Lara, Sonia Favela-Esparza, Selinna Jasso, Carmen Molina, Hector Molina

Staff: Paula Favela, Mary Lou Romero

The meeting was called to order by Christina Lara at 6:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Melissa Hernandez-Munoz

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Sonia Favela-Esparza; second by Santiago Romero. Minutes approved.

New Business:

1. **Evaluation of All Saints Parish Feast** – Father Francisco indicated that the parish feast was a great experience for him. He saw people he hadn't seen before and saw people from Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is what makes community. Father thanked everybody who worked to plan and execute the liturgy and fellowship. He recommended having this type of celebration to bring the community together three times per year. We can do this during one of the Sundays of Easter, Pentecost and Independence Day. Other Council members also felt this was very successful. We just need to work on some of the things that were somewhat of an issue: sound system, finding jobs for Confirmation students, announcing that dogs are not allowed, covering the "Pinata" sign, develop a plan for recycling cans, bottles, and cardboard, bring more canopies and place them where people sit for the mass, reposition altar, servers and choir so they are in the shade.
2. **Religious Education Program** – The program is off to a great start. It is great having Rose in the courtyard signing in and signing out students, attendance is great, catechists like teaching in the church grounds, where children can walk to church. Christina asked Rocio if we can schedule an altar training session after the holidays. Diego and Jaime will be in charge of training the Confirmation students so this can be part of their community service. Father indicated that Bishop Mark mentioned at the priests' meeting that there are two diocesan-wide community service projects. One of them is providing cooked meals for the immigrants. The other project is collecting winterwear for the immigrants. Since there has been no communication from the Diocese, Paula will contact Bishop Mark's secretary for further information. Sister Arnold indicated that there is an organization that is collecting winterwear—jackets, hats, gloves for Haitian and Guatemalan immigrants. Selinna shared that there is an organization that collects recyclable materials and reuses them to create art projects. Information can be found at the following website: www.greenhopeproject.org.
3. **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration** – Father Francisco shared with the Council that the Guadalupanas approached him about celebrating a mass at All Saints for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Mark shared with priests that we cannot celebrate this feast this year because December 12 falls on the Third Sunday of Advent and Advent takes precedence over the feast. Our Lady of Guadalupe parish will celebrate two masses—12:30 and 6:00 p.m. because she is their patroness.
4. **Planning of Advent** – We will set up the Advent wreath. People or families will be asked to light the Advent wreath each of the four Sundays of Advent. Santiago will be in charge of selecting people to light the Advent wreath for the Saturday mass; Rocio for the

8:00 a.m. mass; Christina for the 10:30 a.m. mass. If the people are selected ahead of time, Paula will create a list and will post it in the sacristy. The parish will have a “mini” Advent retreat for ministers. The topic will be “what does Advent mean to me?” It will be held on Saturday, November 27, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sister Arnold will work on the logistics, Melissa will help her. Father Francisco suggested having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to get ministers ready for Advent. We will use the parish hall for this mini retreat.

5. **Planning of Christmas** – Rocio will be in charge of setting up the Nativity. She already has a plan and will share it at the December meeting.
6. **Pentecost Retreat** – At the October meeting, the Council discussed planning a retreat for Pentecost. We will begin planning this retreat at the January meeting.

New Business:

1. **Religious Formation Building (what items need to be removed)** – It is up to the parish to set up a timeline for removal of items from the building. Utilities will be paid up until the time we decide to return the building to the Diocese. Malena has gone to the building to pick up crayons, markers, pencils, etc. for the formation classes. Paula, Sonia, and Rocio picked up tables from the building and they were set up in the kitchen area for the First Communion class. Most of the items in the building are not worth keeping.
2. **Pastoral Council Plan** – The next step in the plan is that coordinators need to be nominated from each of the ministries—ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers. Loretta initiated a flow chart and Santiago has been working on updates for the plan. He will email that plan to all Council members for updates and corrections.

Next Meeting

Date: December 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall (in Person)

Opening Prayer: Carmen Molina

Closing Prayer: Mary Lou Romero

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47 p.m.