

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
PASTORAL COUNCIL  
December 14, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes  
(meeting held via Zoom)**

**Present:** Fr Francisco Rodriguez, Santiago Romero, Robert Munoz, Melissa Hernandez Munoz, Sr Arnold Ritchey, Loretta Dillon (recorder), Selinna Jasso, Christina Lara, Carmen Molina, Hector Molina, Richard Romero **Staff:** Paula Favela, Mary Lou Romero

**Call to order** by Paula Favela 6:08 pm

**Opening Prayer:** Carmen Molina

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Selinna Jasso, seconded by Sr Arnold. Minutes approved as submitted.

**New Business**

1. **Evaluation of Mini-Retreat:** 32 attendees, Very positive remarks, peaceful, calm and being together with everyone to prepare for the season of Advent. Thanks to Sr Arnold, Bob, Melissa, and their daughter. Discussion ensued having a similar retreat prior to Lenten Season and invite the whole community. Fr Francisco shared that an evangelist group was in charge of another retreat that he attended and perhaps we can do something similar.
2. **Evaluation of Advent:** Lighting of the wreath was a bit confusing for Fr initially because he was used to lighting the wreath at the first mass of the weekend only. Discussion ensued that the families/couples feel that it is an honor to light the candles so we prefer to light it at each mass. Fr explained why wreath is to be lit at first mass and that it is not a privilege (honor) for those that light the candles, it is a service. Point of the wreath is to prepare for Christmas. For the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we continue our current procedure for lighting the wreath.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Revisit lighting next Advent season and education of parishioners.
3. **Evaluation of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration:** Confusion about the celebration occurred. The only fellowship that occurred was after the 8am mass. No announcements were made at 5pm or 10:30am. Initial communication was that the celebration was only going to occur after the 8am mass. Next year, we will be able to hold the separate mass as we have in the past on December 12.
4. **Ministers should be Attending Mass Every Weekend:** Fr has noticed that many ministers only attend mass when they have to serve. He reminded us that we should not be receiving communion if we are not attending mass every weekend. Fr reported in order to create community, we should be attending mass at All Saints. Fr reinforced that we are a family and celebrating our Christian life. Ministers are doing a service in our parish family. And Fr wants to increase this sense of Christian family. Christina added that ministers should be serving with an open heart. Selinna suggested that altar servers and parents should be on the distribution list as well.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Santiago and Fr will work on the wording of a message to the ministers and will bring it back to the next meeting for approval by the Council.
5. **Is there a plan to Sanitize Church after mass?:** Discussion ensued regarding cleaning and sanitizing the church. Suggestions to keep the fan on and go back to regular cleaning procedures. Best evidence to stop spread of COVID is hand washing/sanitizing, masks, and social distancing. Very low risk of infection spreading through touching surfaces. Will bring

back cushions for kneeling. Need to inform ushers. Purificators need to be washed appropriately and not with towels. Lupita will still clean church as before.

**ACTION ITEM:** Santiago will inform LEM about purificators and ushers about use of the kneelers.

6. **Move the Tabernacle back to the Chapel:** Fr suggested that the chapel remain a prayer space and leave the Tabernacle in the sanctuary. He asked for our opinions on whether we should seek permission from the Bishop to move it. Several members reported that it doesn't seem like people are using the chapel since the Tabernacle was returned to its original place. Selinna suggested frosting the glass, making it translucent so you can still see through it. Carmen reported that the clear glass was decided on for safety reasons. Many agreed it is nice to have a special place for the Tabernacle.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Fr Francisco will write the letter to the Bishop to ask for permission to move the Tabernacle to the chapel.
7. **Planning for Christmas:** Christmas Eve mass at 6pm, Christmas day at 10:30. Discussion ensued about nativity scene history. Rocio prefers to clean before we start decorating. Discussion ensued on cleaning dates. Paula will speak with Rocio to change cleaning date to Dec 19. And confirmation students will help to pull out the nativity statues.
8. **Return of Fellowship Weekend** : Discussion ensued that it is not appropriate to return to fellowship weekend at this time due to increased COVID cases.

#### **Old Business**

9. **Pastoral Council Plan:** The latest version of the Pastoral Council organizational chart was sent by email. Christina asked if everyone has reviewed it. Ongoing work in progress.

#### **Next Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Opening Prayer: Santiago Romero

Closing Prayer: Melissa Hernandez

**Closing Prayer:** Mary Lou Romero

**Meeting adjourned at 7:39**

*To lovingly serve Christ by being a community that inspires joy, faith, and fellowship.*