



PARISH OF SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE
PARROQUIA DE SANTOS JOAQUIN & ANA
Office & School • 2700 17th Ave E • Shakopee, MN 55379

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Father Erik Lundgren, Father Peter Hughes, Julie Bennett, Mark Bury, Molly Dose, Tom Courchene, Tom Dyrhaug, Patty Schmaltz, Carter Sharp, Roxanne Pieper, and John Weckman

Trustees: Dick Stoks and Fred Jurewicz

Absent: Anna Brekke, Brian Kane, Brian Luce, Marco Soto

Guests: John Hogan

Opening Prayer: Father Erik Lundgren

Opening Comments: Father Erik Lundgren

Father would like to have the Parish Council meet less frequently. The priests have many obligations between three churches, the 2nd largest school in the diocese, funerals, weddings, Latino cultural events and many other events. He stated that it is not uncommon for parish councils to meet quarterly. After discussion, the council decided to meet every other month starting September 2016.

- Father Peter will be leaving 6/12/16 for his new assignment. Kaylee Brogan from the Faith Formation team will also be leaving before the new school year due to a new job for her husband. Father Erik feels he has a couple of very good candidates to fill this vacancy.
- Carol Diethelm will be the new Director of Sacred Music and Funeral Ministry. She will start on June 13, 2016.
- We have three people on staff to take care of custodial and maintenance work at the CEC as well as all three churches.
- The amended purchase agreement due diligence for the St. Mark's school building will end on 6/13/16.
- SACS was accredited. Two preschool rooms will be added. At this time there are 738 students enrolled Pre-K through 8th for the 2016/2017 school year. This compares to 740 same time last year. SACS will not be adding a transgender bathroom.
- The rectory will have painting done on the windows for the 3rd floor, gutters installed and Father Erik would like to have some other needs addressed as well.

Approval of Minutes: Patty Schmaltz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2016 parish council meeting. Motion was seconded by Molly Dose. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Parish Communications: There have been a few concerns from various parishioners regarding the parking situation at St. Mary's church. The construction is scheduled to be completed in November.

Parish Administration Updates

Financial Report – There are three more weeks until the end of the fiscal year and we're currently \$54,000 away from making out budget.

Buildings and Grounds – Marystown church will have air conditioning installed. The roads for St. Mark's and St. Mary's cemetery will be sealed. Repairs to the CEC parking lots, roof and concrete sidewalk will be done this summer and will be completed by the start of the school year.

Archdiocesan Update – nothing to report at this time.

Ministry Updates

Elizabeth Ministry – this new ministry follows the example of Mary & Elizabeth where they visit and share the sacredness of life. This ministry is in response to the needs of women and their families during the childbearing years. By sharing personal stories and similar experiences, women are able to support, encourage and assist one another during this unique time in their lives. Parishioners will minister to families expecting children and grieve with them if they experience a miscarriage or loss of life. This ministry is here to support women and families during joys, trials and sorrows of the childbearing years and beyond. The first gathering will be Sunday October 9th from 3-4:30 at the St. Mark's social center. This gathering will give women of SJA parish time to share their stories and learn more about this ministry.

New Business:

Parish Council Members – The following council member's terms are up and will not continue for another term: Marco Soto, Brian Kane, Brian Luce, Mark Bury, John Weckman and Anna Brekke. The council agreed that it is important to have youth and Hispanic representation so this will be kept in mind when looking at new members.

Cemetery and Columbarium – Parishioners have been asking for pricing on the new columbarium's but final details haven't been determined. A blessing of these new cemetery options will be blessed in November.

Parish Festivals – Carter Sharp reported that the raffle tickets were done last week. Chairpersons are still needed for children's games and silent auction. Issues were reported with the walk-in freezer at St. Mark's school and maintenance is looking into it. Carter stated that Dan and Sue Jeurissen have been a tremendous help. Marystown raffle tickets will go out in three weeks.

Spring Gala – This event was held at SACS and was very successful. Profit was over \$70,000.

Closing Prayer: Father Erik

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.