

St. Joseph's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the St. Joseph's Parish Council was called to order at 6:15 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2015 in the Rectory by Father Jorge.

Present

Fr. Jorge, Juan Alvarado, Sonja Bush, Fernando Villalpando, American Hernandez

Absent

Dave Dore, Rosanna Lampariello, Emilio Gonzales.

Other Attendees

Kevin

Opening Prayer

The group was led in prayer by Father Jorge.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 1, 2015 were reviewed. Missing from the minutes was the following:

1. Rosanna Lampariello name and contact information was missing (562-397-9169 and maestra@aol.com).
2. Agreed upon meeting schedule was missing: 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 PM in Rectory.

America motioned the amended meeting minutes be accepted. Juan seconded the motion.

Review and Discussion of the Diocesan Synod

Seven of the ten points of the Diocesan Synod were reviewed. The goal was to identify what our Parish was doing that addressed the goal and identify possibly shortcomings. The discussion is summarized on Attachment A of these minutes. In short, overall the group was able to identify several strengths for each category and also brainstormed ideas for continued improvement. The areas covered were: Communication, Cultural Diversity, Life Long Faith Formation, Family Unity, Clear and Transparent Financial Information and Cultivate Leadership. The last four areas will be addressed at the next Parish Council meeting: Liturgy, Social Justice, Supportive & Welcoming Church and Youth Ministry.

Prepare for the Virtual Visit of Bishop Blaire.

The date of this visit has not been determined. There was no further discussion.

Final Prayer

The group read a closing prayer together.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 by Father Jorge. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 PM on November 12, 2015, in the Rectory.

Minutes submitted by: Sonja Bush, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A
Supplement to October 8, 2105 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

COMMUNICATION	
What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Newsletter/Bulletin	Website needs to be more robust (add community links). Make the site the "go to" place for locals and visitors.
Website	Utilize local newspapers (press releases)
Facebook	Create tri-fold (or similar) brochure to promote our Parish.
Coffee/Social time after daily Mon-Fri Mass.	Coffee/donuts/hot chocolate after Mass.
Good News survey to identify needs.	

CULTURAL DIVERSITY	
What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Culturally diverse members in various ministries and councils including: Parish Council, Religious Education	Create a chorus group (English and Spanish)
Multi-cultural religious celebrations (Easter, Christmas).	Promote unity in our the English and Spanish communities through various programs (ie Rosary pilgrimage).
Addressing the fact the English speaking population of our parish is the minority our actions need to be inclusive versus exclusive.	Create English bible study group.
	Create English Mission.

LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION	
What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Youth Faith Formation program is strong.	Implementing "fun" learning environments (i.e. BBB - Beer, Bible BBQ or Worship Wine Wednesdays).
Visiting guest speakers offering retreats and learning opportunities.	Communicate with local college to be a resource for students. Students who move to Mammoth to attend college may lose their faith.
Mission of Guadalupe.	Identify a program for families.
Couples Retreat.	
Youth Retreat.	

SUPPORT FAMILY UNITY

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Homily address current issues facing families.	Identify opportunities for family religious education.
Bi-lingual children's education.	
Marriage Encounter.	
Family Values Retreat.	
Mission of Guadalupe.	
Support addiction recovery which impacts family unity.	

CLEAR & TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Financial information is published on website.	More realistic goal for Bishop's Ministry Appeal.
Financial information is included in bulletin.	
Strong leaders in financial leadership roles.	

CULTIVATE LEADERSHIP

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Increasing number of culturally diverse volunteers.	Tap into our resources (ie Greg)
Mission of Guadalupe.	Involve youth as they are the future leaders.
	Provide education and tools to leaders.
	Father Jorge to ask people to volunteer for certain roles - people generally respond positively when being asked.