

St. Joseph's Church

Second Organizing Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2014

Father Jorge Román, Presiding

Parishioners Present: Margie Altenbach, ML; Carolyn Balliet, ML; Bill Curtis, ML; David Dore, LV; Will Erickson, ML; Marta Galvan, ML; Emilio Gonzalez, LV; Warren Hatfield, ML; America Hernandez, ML; Josefina Martinez, LV; John Nygard, C; Mary Nygard, C; Helen Shepherd, ML; Carrie Taylor, B

Interested Parishioner but Absent: Olga Avila, ML; Efren Calixto, ML; Shannon Clark, ML; Thomas Clark, ML; Antonio Del Toro, ML; Linda Dore, LV; Kathy Hansen, LV; Kevin Lynch, ML; Gregory Merena, ML; Tim Taylor, B

Please Note: Parishioner's city of residence is identified by the following initials: Mammoth Lakes, ML; Lee Vining, LV; Bridgeport, B; and Coleville, C.

Meeting was called to order by Fr. Jorge at 6:04 p.m. Fr. Jorge led the group in prayer followed by two readings: **John 15:16**, read by Carrie Taylor, and **Luke 22:25-27**, read by John Nygard.

Fr. Jorge asked that we introduce ourselves by name and include a brief statement, nine (9) returning parishioners introduced themselves, and seven (7) new attendees gave a brief introduction of themselves. John and Mary Nygard came from Coleville.

Agenda was handed out.

Fr. Jorge gave a verbal summary from the excerpt taken from the "Constitution of the Pastoral Council, St. Joseph's Parish, MLC, Introduction," which was the first Agenda topic, explaining the "Introduction to the Pastoral Council," to those present. He solicited their help. Fr. Jorge clearly stated, "I represent God, but I am here to serve as Jesus did." It is a good example of Jesus serving in the same way I am here to serve—as found in the reading from Luke 22:25-27.

Fr. Jorge conducted this meeting in English and Spanish.

Fr. Jorge asked for a volunteer to read the remainder of the Agenda topics in English. Will Erickson gladly read the following topics: "Purpose," and the "Body of the Pastoral Council—New Formation."

Fr. Jorge explained the process for holding an election for temporary officers, which was to be held at this meeting. This was to be a preparation for establishing the Parish Council elections for November 30, 2014.

Margie Altenbach developed a form to help facilitate this process. The form was handed out, but an objection was made by Helen Shepherd that this process was initiated by Fr. Paul, prior to Fr. Jorge's assignment to St. Joseph's Parish, and that there were candidates that were already nominated.

Helen thought we should look at the list to include these candidates before an election is conducted. Helen will provide the list to Margie Altenbach so that a spreadsheet can be created listing all possible candidates.

Fr. Jorge identified the number of candidates needed. He suggested 8 to 12 candidates; and out of the 12, three (3) will be elected Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary; four (4) elected Council Members; and four (4) Council Members appointed by the Pastor.

In order to move forward with establishing the Parish Pastoral Council and upholding the objection of no election at this meeting, temporary officers were nominated by the attendees and appointed by Fr. Jorge.

Temporary Chair, David Dore, Lee Vining

Temporary Vice-Chair, Emilio Gonzalez, Lee Vining

Temporary Secretary, Margie Altenbach, Mammoth Lakes

It was decided that the nomination form be circulated throughout the Parish and Missions in order to solicit a larger pool of candidates interested in the formation of the Parish Pastoral Council to serve all of Mono County. Margie Altenbach will be sending a new Nomination Sheet to all who attended the past Parish Pastoral Council meetings. Each Church will have a point of contact for collecting the Nomination Sheets.

Fr. Jorge addressed member qualifications for the Pastoral Council, which can be found on page 5 of the "Constitution of the Pastoral Council, St. Joseph's Introduction," document.

Temporary Chair, David Dore, suggested that all nominations be submitted to the Secretary within the next few weeks to allow for compiling the list of prospective candidates for the Parish Pastoral Council before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Topics to be discussed: Nominations and Pastoral Council Election Calendar. See pages 12 – 15 of the "Constitution of the Pastoral Council" for a sample election calendar.

Fr. Jorge led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.