

St. Joseph's Pastoral Parish Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Opening

The was called to order at 6:10 PM on by Fr. Jorge.

In Attendance

Fr. Jorge, Ralph & Ellen Obenberger, David & Linda Dore, Paul & Deanna St. Onge, America Hernandez, Sonja Bush, Emilio Gonzalez, Shannon Clark, Juan & Gwendoline Alvarado, Gregory Merena, Josefina Martinez, Priscila Guerrero, Ezequie Vargas, Edith Vargas, Debbie & Mike Crow, Bertha Jimenez

Opening Prayer

The group was led in prayer by Father Jorge.

Agenda

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Liturgical and Pastoral Plan for Saint Joseph's Parish and Mission Communities. Father Jorge led discussion by first reading the prepared document (Handout A) in which he asked everyone that serves and participates in a ministry or service and those that would like to serve, support the success of this pastoral and liturgical project in order to serve everyone in a much more effective manner, and to be able to reach the children of the Holy Mother Church that may be estranged from Her.

The items on the list of various Pastoral and Liturgical fields were described by Fr. Jorge. Participants then broke up in to four groups and discussed thoughts and ideas about the list. The ideas were then shared with the entire group and are summarized as follows:

1. Use bulletin to describe the various ministry opportunities and distribute initially in December when we have larger audiences. Sonja and Shannon volunteered to create the document and Bertha will help with translation.
2. Hold an information "night" with information and people to answer questions about the various ministries and/or have people available after Mass.
3. Encourage part-timers to participate by identifying specific opportunities – include in the brochure.
4. Utilize resources such as NET (National Evangelization Network) to build the Youth Program. This is a group of trained 18-30 year olds that travel to the various Parishes within a Diocese to offer youth retreats. Greg volunteered to be the Parish contact.
5. Identify a female to facilitate Quinceaneras. Bertha volunteered to help.
6. Recruitment is important and personal connections are the best way to make this happen. Encourage talking with others and facilitating a sense of community.
7. Improve relations and understanding of resources available at the Diocese.
8. Advertise on the local TV channel
9. There is online training for Eucharistic Ministers on the Diocese website.
10. Combine Prayer, Knowledge of Faith and Bible Study ministry.
11. Access online resources for retreats with on-site moderator.
12. Troubled marriages need trained professionals.
13. Access resources such as Retrovi for marriages experiencing difficulties.
14. Pre-marital couples should have on-going relationship with their mentors after marriage.
15. Acknowledge the differences in people and some are uncomfortable in certain ministries.
16. Prayer Network idea used in other Parish discussed.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6 PM in St. Joseph's Church.

Final Prayer

Dave led the closing prayer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 by Fr. Jorge.

Minutes submitted by Sonja Bush, Secretary