

St. Joseph's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 12, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the St. Joseph's Parish Council was called to order at 6:20 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the Rectory by Dave Dore.

Present

Fr. Jorge, America Hernandez, Rosanna Lampariello, Fernando Villalpando, Juan Alvarado, Dave Dore. No other attendees.

Absent

Emilio Gonzales and Sonja Bush.

Opening Prayer

The group was led into prayer by Father Jorge.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Thursday, October 8, 2015 were reviewed. Correction from the minutes is the following:

1. Rosanna Lampariello's email address is maestra@aol.com.

America motioned to approve the minutes with one correction. Rosanna seconded the motion.

Review and Discussion of the Diocesan Synod

The last four points of the Diocesan Synod were reviewed. The discussion is summarized on Attachment B 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: Inspire Catholics through LITURGY, Integrate SOCIAL JUSTICE, Become a SUPPORTIVE AND WELCOMING CHURCH and Strengthen YOUTH MINISTRY.

Update for the Virtual Visit of Bishop Blaire

The date of the Virtual Visit has not been determined, Fr. Jorge has not received a call back from the Diocese regarding the visit. There was no further discussion.

Closing Prayer

The group was led into prayer by Father Jorge.

Adjournment

The next general meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: America Hernandez, Council Member

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish Council

ATTACHMENT A

Supplement to November 12, 2105 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Inspire Catholics through LITURGY

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Greeting Parishioners as they arrive to Mass at all three locations.	Recruit a group of people to create an English Music Ministry for our English Masses.
Having adults and teenagers, as well as bilingual English/Spanish lectors at the Lee Vining Mass.	Having different lectors for the 1 st Reading, Psalm and 2 nd Reading. Recruit more lectors.
Having an Adult Spanish Music Ministry at St. Joseph's Parish.	Ask Music Ministries to learn and play hymns and songs from our Missal so parishioners can sing along.
Priest giving his homilies at times bilingual English/Spanish. As well as having a weekly mass at Lee Vining for the weekend working community.	Encourage adult and children parishioners to step up and participate in the varies ministries available at our church and missions.
Ministry meetings/trainings.	Advertise the church services in the varies medias.

Integrate SOCIAL JUSTICE

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Supporting IMACA.	We need a Deacon for Deacon formation.
Collaboration with Mammoth Police Dept.	Integrate and educate social justice in our parish life.
Support to Carolyn Balliet with her assistant to community members to become US Citizens under the Dept. of Homeland Security.	New Parish Hall Committee is hoping to add a bedroom with bathroom as a Family/Homeless Shelter to the expansion.
	Priest to get involved in varies committees in our communities.

Become a **SUPPORTIVE AND WELCOMING CHURCH**

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Ushers greeting as they come	Conducting meetings with the ushers prior to our major events such as Christmas, Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Lent.
Seder Dinner in Lee Vining.	Create event for fundraising and bring community together.
Wednesday Service Mass in Lee Vining.	Bible Study groups in English and Spanish.
	To bring back the event that took place at Schat's Bakery in the 80'.

Strength **YOUTH MINISTRY**

What we are doing well:	Ideas for improvement:
Having children and teenagers serving as alter children, ushers and readers at St. Joseph's Parish and the Mission in Lee Vining.	Create a Youth Group with the help of Juan Alvarado, Greg, Rosanna Lampariello at church and school sites.
Youth Continuing Religious Education Class at St. Joseph's Parish.	Creation of Catholic Club. Maybe meeting after school at Mammoth High School if MUSD allows it. Also, a club at our local college.
	Create a Children's Choir maybe under the CRE Dept.