

# *St. Joseph's Church*

## **Fourth Organizing Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015**

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### **Father Jorge Román, Presiding**

**Parishioners Present:** Juan L. Alvarado, ML; Margie Altenbach, ML; Sonja Bush, ML; David Dore, LV; Will Erickson, ML; Emilio Gonzalez, JL; America Hernandez, ML; Rosanna Lampariello, ML; Ralph Obenberger, LV; Carrie Taylor, B; Tim Taylor, B

**Please Note:** City of residence is identified by the following initials: Mammoth Lakes, ML; June Lake, JL; Lee Vining, LV; and Bridgeport, B

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Fr. Jorge led the group in prayer at 6:03 p.m.

Dave Dore, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Agendas were distributed to all attendees, and Fr. Jorge conducted the meeting in English.

Minutes from the Third Organizing Parish Pastoral Council Meeting were not read since this meeting was dedicated to counting the ballots for selecting the Parish Council Members. Minutes will be available on the website. Minutes are to be approved at a later date.

### **Counting of the Ballots**

Election ballots had been collected from each Mass and stored in sealed bags to be counted at this Meeting.

Fr. Jorge distributed the sealed ballot bags to those in attendance. Each table kept a tally of the votes. Fr. Jorge used the white board to record the count. A picture of the tallied votes was taken and is available. Below is a summary of the four candidates that received the highest votes:

Rosanne Lampariello = 135  
Ralph Obenberger = 124  
America Hernandez = 110  
Carrie Taylor = 98

Fr. Jorge stated that all three churches were very well represented. At the next Organizing Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Fr. Jorge will appoint three additional council members. Once the seven Parish Council Members are identified, they will elect the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. No date was proposed for the election of officers.

### **Urgent Topic Discussed--2015 Synod on the Family**

The Diocese is requesting feedback from our parishioners on two questions posed by Pope Francis. The Interim Parish Pastoral Council will assist in the preparation and response to these two questions.

Fr. Jorge handed out the questions to be answered by parishioners. St. Joseph's Parish was assigned Question 21 from the list of questions.

**Original:**

**21. In the case of those who have not yet arrived at a full understanding of the gift of Christ's love, how can the faithful express a friendly attitude and offer trustworthy guidance without failing to proclaim the demands of the Gospel?**

After much discussion, it was agreed to rephrase Question 21 so that the community could understand the question.

Fr. Jorge suggested the following:

**Revised:**

**21. How can we express a friendly attitude while giving testimony of the Gospel to those who do not understand or are not fully experiencing the love of Christ?**

Second question to be addressed from the three topics listed was the "Pastoral care of couples civilly married or living together." The following question was selected:

**33. Is the Christian community able to be pastorally involved in these situations?**

- **How can it assist in discerning the positive and negative elements in the life of persons united in a civil marriage so as to guide and sustain them on a path of growth and conversion toward the sacrament of matrimony?**
- **How can those living together be assisted to decide to marry?**

The questions will be prepared in a similar fashion as the ballots and distributed at each Mass this weekend. Parishioners will be handed out a bi-lingual questionnaire after the homily and asked to respond to the two questions. All sheets will be collected, reviewed, and summarized into one response and submitted to the Diocese by February 17, 2015. It was agreed that all those who appeared on the ballot should attend this special meeting to prepare the feedback response to the Diocese. Fr. Jorge will invite others to attend.

**Special Meeting to Address Feedback Requested by the Diocese on Questions Posed by Pope Francis : February 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Joseph's Church.**

Dave Dore gave the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.