

JANUARY 16, 2019  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened in prayer by new Council chair Phillip Mendoza. Those attending were Frs. Peter and Paul, outgoing chair Viviana Alderete, Luong Nguyen, Nga Trinh-Vu, Robert Sepulvada, Marvin Wright, Lincy Tresaverghese, Susan Pyle, and Beth Beissel. Also, invited were Valeria Balbontin and Mary Elliot. After a discussion regarding the purpose and responsibilities of Pastoral Council, council members unanimously voted to accept Valeria and Mary as new members for a three year commitment. Welcome to both! Your talents are much appreciated by the Council! Phillip asked future outgoing members to consider prayerfully recommending someone to take their places.

Meetings for the coming year will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the Cry Room. Mark your calendars: Feb. 20, March 20, Apr. 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 13, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and the Dec. 6th Christmas party.

**IGNITE: OUR FAITH, OUR MISSION:** To date, SJM parishioners have pledged over a half million dollars to provide for the needs of the archdiocese. Approximately \$70,000 has already been paid in. Plans are being made to keep the parish members informed of money not only collected, but also returned to the parish each quarter.

**DSF 2018:** The good news is that St. Justin's has met its obligation for the third year in a row! More good news is that the parish has \$9,245.00 to begin meeting its 2019 DSF obligation! Best news of all is that more parishioners were moved to contribute to DSF 2018 than in past years—over 500 families participated! As was done last year, Viviana will speak at all Masses about the success of DSF 2018.

**DSF 2019:** February 23-34 will be the Kick Off/Commitment weekend for DSF 2019. Caesar Galvan and Luong will set up for the Cardinal's video. Phillip will work with Laura from the archdiocese to arrange for a speaker/speakers for the weekend of May 4-5. A member of the Council as yet to be selected will do the same for the weekends of July 20-21 and Sept. 21-22. It was suggested that a "Dollar for DSF" appeal be scheduled so that all parishioners could participate in even small ways. Details will be developed and the idea tested in the future.

Deacon Gene Festa will speak at masses on March 2-3 about the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program.

Council has been asked to begin planning for the June 1 Parish Feast Day Dinner. Fr. Paul envisions a lovely, seated fund-raising dinner honoring a special guest. Several honorees were suggested; Fr. Paul will invite the guest. Planning will begin in earnest at the next meeting.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 19. Fr. Paul would like to see an advisory committee formed by past festival chairs. It was suggested that members of this group attend training sessions provided by the archdiocese so that the committee can offer sound advice to new festival leaders. Finding festival chairs will be discussed at the upcoming Parish Quarterly Meeting scheduled on January 24, 2019.

It was suggested that a Council member step into a vice-chair position to not only assist the chair, but to "learn the ropes." This will be decided at the next meeting.

Nga invited all to the February 17 TET celebration in the Parish Hall following the noon mass.

Phillip closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Beth Beissel