



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Father Peter Grace, CP
Monday, October 16, 2023

Members: Father Peter Grace, Karen Blair, Francisco Cucue-Campos, Hatciri Lopez, George Lozano, Anne Miller, Stephanie Satkowiak, Ruth Silva, Marina Guerrero, Nick Petro, Lisette Uriostegui

Members Excused: Laci Conrad, Kevin Pilotte, DJ Venne, Chris Vozdik

Members Absent:

Guests: Dan Smith, Lupe Villa, Allie Aguilar, Father Dass

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Satowiak

Opening Prayer: Father Dass

**Approval of
(September 2023)
Minutes:**

Motion was made by Nick Petro, Second by George Lozano, motion to approved passed unanimously.

Financial Update: No Financial Update was given at this meeting.

International Food Festival: Dan White gave a presentation on the overwhelming success of the 2023 International Food Festival. He provided a detailed report, as well as a cash flow breakdown that are attached to these meeting minutes as an exhibit. Suggestions from the council included changes to the security measures with better signage directing attendees to exact security locations or brightly colored shirts to make security personnel more visible. Dan provided that the location of the children's games was the only logical space to accommodate the games fully, that extra adults were added to the game space this year, and that the Cleveland High School Spanish Club assisted in supervising the games along with several parish volunteers.

Faith Formation: Lupe Villa provided an update on Faith Formation. She indicated that while there are sufficient instructional leaders for now, the need always remains to add more. There are approximately 770 students in the program, which is a significant increase from 600 that were enrolled last year. There is a waiting list of about 20 children. The waiting list is due primarily to a lack of space in which to instruct the children. There are only 2 dedicated rooms, currently, and each space can only accommodate 48 children at a time. Further, classes cannot just be formed to accommodate the children on the waiting list because they are at different levels, needs and ages. Currently, the program is a year long in length with 27 individual sessions. The question was raised as to whether the sessions could be moved from a weekend to a weed day, and this was considered in the past but was found to be fairly challenging due to work schedules for parents during the week. A suggestion was raised to hold all sessions during the summer, but again, this was a challenging time for families due to vacations and other planned summer events.



Finally, the council suggested that the parents be surveyed to see what might prove to be a set of better options to accommodate the growing program.

Safe Environment Update: Allie Aguilar provided an update on Safe Environment Training. Participants who need to renew their annual Safe Environment certification can now do so online. This annual training will be available via phone or computer. There will be a 45-day window for participants to complete the 25 – 40 minute session, and it will be available for completion 24/7. More details to come. In January 2024 there will be a transition to a new background check system. A detailed report is attached to these meeting minutes as an exhibit.

Presentations: Stephanie Satkowiak gave a presentation on privacy and confidentiality in the church setting, and how these concepts impact our roles on the parish council. Hatciri Lopez gave a presentation on positive and embracing behavior that focused primarily on our means of communication and the words that we use. The PowerPoint slides for both presentations are available upon request.

Conversation from the council:

Name Tags: George Lozano gave a presentation on name tags for the council members. An example is attached to these meeting minutes as an exhibit. George stated that a volunteer had suggested the council members wear name tags to increase visibility among parish members.

Migrant Ministry: In addition to prayers, the migrant workers are in need of blankets and hoodie sweatshirts especially now that the weather is getting colder. Lisette Uriostegui stated that she has been working on providing blankets as well as letters for departing migrant workers.

Other: The question was raised as to who is responsible for our social media content. It was suggested that we put out an appeal for the migrant workers' needs on our social media platforms. Nick Petro offered to assist with this as he is adept at streaming content.

Pastor's Comments: Father Peter Grace. Father would like us to pray for our parish, specifically as we launch our expansion campaign.

Closing Prayer: Father Peter Grace

Next meeting is Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Learning Center Room 208

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Satkowiak