

St. Francis Parish Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; Brunsmann Hall
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Fred Bermudez, present
Debbie Clingingsmith, present
Francine Freitas, present
Jo Gonsalves, present
Darrin Greer, vice chair, present
Margaret Healey, present
Melba Hinajosa, excused
Bob Lavelle, present

Dennis Mahoney, excused
Kent Meyers, excused
Gary Myrick, present
Fr. Des O'Reilly, pastor, present
Bob Reid, chair, present
Janet Vitt, secretary, present

Also attending was parish staff member Beth White and members of the Bread-baking Ministry.

Chair Bob Reid opened the meeting, and Francine Freitas led the room in a prayer.

The minutes of the September 11, 2018, council meeting, upon motion by Darrin Greer and seconded by Margaret Healey, were approved unanimously with one amendment. They will be forwarded for posting on the parish website.

Parishioner Input & Comments about change in Altar Breads

Fr. Des thanked the individuals who have baked the bread during the past 30 years and explained his reason for ending the practice of using community-baked bread for Sunday Masses, citing concerns for crumbs, health-related liabilities and compliance with practices across the Sacramento Diocese. He said St. Francis is the only parish left using community-baked bread. He said he had had some of the concerns since arriving at the parish, and that a recent discussion about insurance liabilities in parish facilities had been the catalyst for deciding to purchase Communion bread. Staff explored a number of potential suppliers and settled on a community of Cistercian nuns of [Santa Rita Abbey](#) in Arizona, for which baking is a major source of income.

Parish member Jean Iacino addressed the council to share reaction by the Bread-baking Ministry to an upcoming change from Communion bread that is baked at the Parish Center to commercially made Communion bread. She said she would not read a statement she had prepared if it could be part of the record of the meeting. (It is attached to these minutes along with a 1998 document, "One Bread, One Body"). Ms. Iacino summarized the written statement, saying how and why community-baked bread had been introduced in the late 1990s as a part of a vibrant liturgy sought by Vatican II. She said that bread baked by parishioners was a liturgical best practice. She said he had not learned of Fr. Des' reasons for the change before coming to the council meeting.