

St. Francis Parish Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; Brunsman Hall
Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Fred Bermudez, present
Ed Condon, excused
Francine Freitas, present
Jo Gonsalves, present
Darrin Greer, vice chair, present
Margaret Healy, present
Linda Hill, present
Melba Hinojosa, present
Patrick Mahan, present

Emer McKenna, excused
Kent Meyers, excused
Gary Myrick, present
Fr. Des O'Reilly, pastor, present
Bob Reid, chair, present
Tom Sweetman, absent
Janet Vitt, secretary, present

Also attending were Beth White of the parish staff, Dennis Mahoney and Judy Miranda of the Parish Finance Council and Maria Hinojosa Mahan, parish member.

Chair Bob Reid opened the meeting at 6:12 p.m., and Melba Hinojosa led the room in prayer.

The minutes of the June 11, 2019, council meeting, upon motion by Francine Freitas, seconded by Gary Myrick, were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the parish website.

Parishioner Input

Finance Council Chair Judy Miranda and member Dennis Mahoney briefed the council on the parish budget, saying that the upcoming year's budget will be balanced. A stewardship committee will be formed this summer, comprising members of both the Finance and Parish Pastoral Councils as well as other parish members. The committee goal will be to build participation in parish life and to get people enthused about how they can share their resources of time, talent and finances. Malcolm Hotchkiss will chair the committee.

Bylaws Amendment

The Parish Pastoral Council discussed switching the timing of the election to elect Council officers so that the members elected by the parish in spring can vote on the officers. Upon motion of Janet Vitt, seconded by Jo Gonsalves, the bylaws were amended by unanimous vote to conduct election of Council Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary at the July meeting each year, the first meeting after newly elected members assume their seats.

Election of Council Officers

Vice Chair Darrin Greer asked for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council for the term beginning July 2019. Nominations were opened and made by council members as follows:

Chair: Bob Reed and Jo Gonsalves (declined)

Vice Chair: Darrin Greer and Patrick Mahan (declined)

Secretary: Janet Vitt

After close of nominations, each of the remaining nominees were elected by unanimous voice votes.

Pastor's remarks

Father Des gave his report:

- Fireworks sales leading up to the July 4th holiday went well with help from the parish and the school. He did not have sales figures to report.
- A staff reorganization is ongoing, but business managers Amanda Evans is now in place.
- Gary Myrick and the rest of the Safety Committee are to be commended for a good presentation to the parish at Masses.

Chair's Report

Chair Bob Reid welcomed the newly elected members of the Council, Ed Condon and Patrick Mahan and then briefed the council on these topics:

- The council calendar through the 2019-20 term includes monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month except for December 2019 and August 2020. Parish staff and members of the Finance and Parish Councils have a holiday dinner in lieu of the December meeting.
- Council members are reminded to wear their badges at Masses on the third weekend of the month.

Staff Report

Beth White, sitting in for new staff liaison to the Parish Council J.D. Warrick, briefed the council on several matters on behalf of the Parish Staff:

- The parish and school collaborated to sell fireworks at a stand near the Safeway June 28-July 4.
- A priest from Kenya will speak to Masses on Aug. 10-11 as part of the Missionary Cooperative Appeal.
- Infant and child baptisms will be Aug. 3 in the church. All parish members are invited to attend.
- Wedding season is gearing up, and it seems the parish has earned a rating of 4.7 on at least one social media website. The most bookings for weddings in our church building is in autumn.

- Staff is looking for a volunteer coordinator for the Parish Picnic on Oct. 6

Council Member comments

- Gary Myrick heard from parish members after the Safety Committee presentation that the screen is hard to see for anyone sitting in the transepts. People have expressed a desire to see more activities to bring people together.
- Melba Hinojosa pointed out that the parish doesn't have one main calendar for parish members to go to with all the activities going on in the parish.

Old Business

- **Parish Directory** – Francine Freitas said she had nothing to update as she continues to try to meet with the photographers.

Committees

- Chair Bob appointed Janet Vitt as liaison to the Finance Council to replace Dennis Mahoney who was termed out of the Parish Pastoral Council. He appointed Francine Freitas as liaison to the Liturgy Committee, and he appointed Fred Bermudez as liaison to the St. Francis Elementary School Board. Upon motion by Darrin Greer, seconded by Francine Freitas, those appointments were approved unanimously.
- **Parish Safety** – Gary Myrick said the goal is to have weekly mention of safety issues in the bulletin. A trifold brochure is being developed to be made available in the church. More presentations will be developed after planning is done on response to fire and earthquake emergencies.
- **B&G Committee** - Janet Vitt said projects were being prioritized by Amanda Evans who will work with staff or contractors to get projects completed. Among the projects accomplished or scheduled are the roof repair, assessment of chairs in the Parish Center Chapel and the hanging of a donated portrait of Sr. Claire Graham in Brunsman Hall.

The next Council meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in Brunsman Hall.

Francine Freitas and Linda Hill will provide the opening and closing prayers, respectively.

There being no more business, Darrin Greer led the Council in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Vitt, secretary