

St. Francis Parish Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; Brunsmann Hall
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Chair Bob Reid called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. In addition to Mr. Reid, present were Darin Greer, vice chair; Janet Vitt, secretary; and council members Debbie Clingingsmith, Francine Freitas, Jo Gonsalves, Margaret Healey, Melba Hinajosa, Dennis Mahoney, Kent Meyers and Gary Myrick. Absent were members Bob Lavelle, Sr. Claire Graham, Fred Bermudez, Tricia Heim and Fr. Des O'Reilly. Also attending were parish members Judy Miranda, Mary Myrick and Bob Knapp and staff members Richard Hernandez and J.D. Warrick.

Mr. Reid welcomed new and returning parish council members and observing parish members before leading the group in opening prayer.

The minutes of the June 12, 2018, council meeting were approved unanimously without amendment on a motion by Margaret Healey, seconded by Kent Meyers.

Pastor's remarks

Father Des sent his regrets; he was unable to attend the July meeting as he was in Ireland attending the funeral of a fellow priest.

Chair's report

Mr. Reid explained that Beth White, director of liturgy, would be the new liaison from the Parish Staff to the council. J.D. Warrick, parish administrative associate, will continue to attend the meetings as well.

Parishioner input

1. Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM, will lead a retreat, "How to Stay Connected to God in a Wounded Society," in the church at 6 p.m. Sept. 9, 2018, preceded by an hourlong book-signing of the author's works at 4:30 p.m. in Brunsmann Hall. Suggested donation is \$10.
2. The parish will have farewell receptions in Brunsmann Hall for Tim Mascarinas, director of music, after each of the Masses on the weekend of Aug. 11-12. He is returning to college to work on a PhD. Recruiting is under way for a person to fill the staff opening.
3. The women's restroom in the breezeway needs a coat of paint.

2018-19 Parish Budget

Judy Miranda, chair of the Parish Finance Council, and council member Dennis Mahoney presented the new parish budget, adding that it will be amended with updated figures from the Independence Day fireworks sales. Ms. Miranda said the budget projected staffing levels remaining unchanged through the upcoming year. The responsibilities of the director of

religious education are being met by three existing staff members, thus eliminating the separate salary of that former position.

Upon motion of Kent Meyers, seconded by Francine Freitas, the council unanimously accepted the 2018-19 Parish Budget.

Committee Reports

- **Parish Directory Report:** Francine Freitas reported that the Directory project is progressing, with dozens of parish members having had their portraits taken. Several more photo sessions are scheduled. The committee is working to secure more dates and then volunteers will schedule more parish members.
- **Fireworks Sale:** Richard Hernandez reported that the first year of selling fireworks seems to have been a profitable effort. Several council members who volunteered for the project reported that the experience was positive, and a good way to build the relationship between the parish and the school, which will split proceeds. The booth outside the Safeway on Alhambra sold out of fireworks. A report will be issued after costs and expenses are tallied.
- **Celebration of Volunteers:** Janet Vitt reported that the committee hadn't met because of deaths and illnesses in in her family that took her out of state.

Special recognition

To recognize in appreciation her service as Parish Council Chair for an extended tenure during the transition of the parish from Franciscan to Diocesan, an inscribed crystal trophy and award were presented Margaret Healey. Members shared personal comments about her service to the council and parish.

There will be no council meeting in August. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, in Brunsman Hall. Kent Meyers will contribute the opening prayer, and Janet Vitt will contribute a closing prayer.

Mr. Reid led the group in a closing prayer. Upon motion by Ms. Vitt, seconded by Mr. Meyers, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Janet Vitt, Secretary