

**Sts. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2018**

**Present**

**Council**

Arthur Jones	Theresa White	Anna Bauer	Roger Parulski
Josh Apenowich	Joseph Machuga		

Staff - Fr. Pat Connor      Peter Olausson      Nicolette Butler

Guest – Rose Fox

Excused –      Andrea Ketchum      Robert Wylie      Maynard Black      Deacon Doug Farwell

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Secretary Art Jones.

**Opening Prayer** - Fr. Pat offered the opening prayer

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes Approval-**      Motion by Anna Bauer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Machuga to  
approve the minutes as distributed. **PASSED.**

**Election of Council Officers** - The role and responsibilities of the Chairperson and Vice- Chairperson were reviewed. After a period silent discernment, Art Jones volunteered to serve as Chairperson and Secretary and Anna Bauer volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. Council approved.

**Pastor Remarks** – Fr. Pat reported it has been a busy advent. There have been several funerals he has presided over in addition to many visitations of hospitalized parishioners. Fr. Pat asked the council to let him know if they become aware of any parishioners who become hospitalized or in need of a visit. He stated he does not always receive notifications from the hospitals when a parishioner is admitted. Council asked that he also make this announcement during mass. Anna Bauer suggested parishioners who are scheduled to enter the hospital contact Fr. Pat to receive the Blessing of Sick before they go in.

**Business Manager Report** - Peter reported the maintenance report and the Parish Pastoral Report were made available at all the churches.

**Cemetery Grant-** Estimates are being sought for straightening of the head stones in St. Catherine's Cemetery. Estimates are also being sought for a fence around St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**St. Stanislaus Bell** - The bell cradle has been inspected and the bell can be rung. It will be ringing for the Christmas mass. Mike will be constructing a platform to stand on when ringing the bell.

**St. Stanislaus gutters-** The gutters have been cleaned.

**St. Stanislaus Windows-** Several windows are at ground level in the basement. This has caused the windows to rot. Windows that are not needed are being removed and blocked up. Windows that are needed will be replaced. Window wells made need to be installed to protect those windows from water.

**St. Catherine's Choir Loft Window** – The window has been braced until it can be removed for repair. Peter is attempting to get some more estimates for repair of the window.

Tabernacles - Peter stated tabernacles for St. Joseph's and St. Stanislaus have been requested from the dioceses. They are searching through the tabernacles they have to find two that will fit in the space restrictions at the churches.

**Faith Formation-** Nicolette reported plans are moving ahead for an open house towards the end of January to explain the program to the parishioners.

**Parish Town Hall Meeting-** Peter reported that surveys are still being returned, even though the December 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline has passed. After discussion it was decided to extend the deadline to January 10<sup>th</sup> to give parishioners additional time to provide feedback. It was recommended that the guidelines for weekend mass be printed again and made available in the churches and on the website to guide parishioners in their suggestions and comments. Additional survey forms with the guidelines will also be made available to parishioners. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and Fr. Pat will encourage participation during mass. Fr. Pat, Deacon Doug, and Peter will review the surveys and summarize the comments. Fr. Pat stated that a recommendation will be developed and presented to the council for their review. Council agreed to move deliberately in this process so we can prayerfully make the best decision for our parish and our priest, Fr. Pat.

**Emergency Planning-**

The tour of the churches by the Sheriff still has to be arranged. Fr. Pat provided the council members with a copy of the "boiler plate" emergency planning document prepared by the Dioceses to aid in building an emergency response plan. He will provide copies of the plan to the new members of the council for their review.

**New Business-** The Irish Dinner will be held again at St. Catherine's. Parishioners are still being sought who could help organize the event.

Catholic Ministries Appeal - Roger asked about the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Is there an envelop that is provided for it. He has not received any communications on it. Peter stated the dioceses sends out letters for the appeal but is using a different mailing list than what is used in the parish. It is a fund raiser for the dioceses and is not part of the parish funding raising so there are no envelopes for it in the parish envelope. People are encouraged to give what they can but there is no set amount. The dioceses does set a goal for the parish and if it is not met through donations directly to the dioceses the balance is deducted from the parish funds to make up the difference. Peter stated if every registered family in the parish would give \$30 we would meet our goal. Parishioners can drop a check in the collections basket and just mark "CMA" in the memo area.

**Next Meeting -** January 20, 2019 6 PM at St. Joseph's Hall

**Closing prayer** – Fr. Pat asked the council members to move into the church. There, Fr. Pat offered a prayer asking for support and guidance of the council and the new Chair and Vice-Chair as they work for the good of the parish.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Arthur Jones  
Council Secretary