

**Sts. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2019**

**Present**

**Council**

Arthur Jones

Anna Bauer

Andrea Ketchum

Theresa White

Josh Apenowich

Robert Wylie

Joe Machuga

Staff -

Fr. Pat Connor

Deacon Doug Farwell

Rose Fox

Excused-

Roger Parulski Peter Olausson

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair/Secretary Art Jones.

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

**Agenda Approval** - An agenda had been emailed to the council members. Motion by Bob Wylie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea Ketchum to approve the agenda. PASSED

**Meeting Minutes Approval**- The May 2019 meeting minutes had been emailed to the council members. Motion by Joe Machuga, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Wylie to approve the minutes as amended. PASSED.

**Pastor Remarks** – Fr. Pat informed the council that Deacon Doug has been re-appointed by Bishop Matano to serve our parish for another 3 years. The council congratulated Deacon Doug on his re-appointment and thanked him for his service to the parish.

**Business Manager**

Art shared information provided by Peter.

Finances – While the financial situation of the parish has improved short term the long term stability is still in question. There has been a strong response to the Parish Appeal and donations have continued to come in for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) so the parish will have to use less of its funds to make up the shortfall. Collections is still short of the amount necessary to cover monthly expenses.

Parish website update – The minutes for the Parish Council meetings have been uploaded to the website so they are current.

Parish Calendar – The Parish calendar has been uploaded to the website.

**Old Business**

**Planning Committee**- The committee met May 29<sup>th</sup>. Three recommendations for a mass schedule were submitted to the Parish Council for the council to recommend one schedule to Fr. Pat. The Planning Committee will meet again July 31<sup>st</sup> where Suzanne Krebs will present a report on the financial status of the parish.

**Mass Schedule** – The council reviewed and discussed the three mass schedules presented by the Planning Committee. The comments provided by parishioners for the pros and cons of each schedule were also reviewed as part of the discussion. Art provided a historical review going back two years on the need to change the schedule when Fr. Erb retired and how the current schedule was developed. The current schedule has been in place for a year and a half. Council members agreed that the 4 PM Saturday mass at St. Joseph's and the 11 AM Sunday mass at St. Stanislaus appear to be working and are well attended. Members expressed concern on the impact to attendance and collections of making a major change to the schedule. After deliberation a motion was

made by Anna Bauer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Machuga that the current mass schedule remain in place with the Saturday mass at St. Catherine's starting at 6 PM instead of 5:30PM. PASSED

Liturgical Committee – Fr. Pat requested the committee be tabled until the September meeting. Motion by Bob Wylie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Machuga to table this until September. PASSED

Emergency Planning – Fr. Pat requested the committee be tabled until the September meeting. Motion by Bob Wylie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Machuga to table this until September. PASSED

Parish Council Term Limits - Andrea Ketchum is coming to the end of her 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 years of service on the council. The council thanked Andrea for her dedicated service to the parish. Joe Machuga is at the end of his 1<sup>st</sup> term and has agreed to serve for an additional three years. Fr. Pat is seeking nominations through the end of June from parishioners who would be willing to filling the open seat on the council. A mix of two representatives from each church in the parish will be maintained, if possible.

#### **New Business**

Parish Picnic – Deacon Doug informed the council the picnic will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Field in Campbell. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin this week with the date and also seeking parishioners to help with the event.

Pulled Pork Dinner – Rose Fox reported the dinner will take place at St. Joseph's Church on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Pre-sale of tickets for the event has been slow with only 12 sold so far. Volunteers are still needed to help with ticket sales, set up, serving, and clean up afterwards.

#### **Deacon's Remarks**

Deacon Doug did not have any remarks for the council.

**Faith Formation-** Rose reported she and Sheri Sanford met with Suzanne Krebs and the Faith Formation representative from the Dioceses. Rose reported that Nicolette Butler has resigned as Faith Formation Coordinator for St. Catherine's. There were no plans to replace her so Rose has been asked to accept the students from St. Catherine's into her program. It is anticipated that there will be 12 students from St. Catherine's this coming year.

The council expressed concern with no having a program at St. Catherine's. A discussion ensued and the following questions were asked:

Can volunteers teach the program under the direction of a coordinator from another church in the parish?

What training would be required for them to teach? ( Would have to complete the "Safe Environment for Volunteers" on line at a minimum)

Our Parish has two Faith Formation Coordinators, Rose Fox and Sheri Sanford. Deacon Doug will contact the Dioceses to get answers to the questions and their suggestions on options to address this issue.

**Closing Prayer -** Deacon Doug offered the closing prayer.

**Next Meeting -** July 21, 2019 6 PM at St. Joseph's Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Arthur Jones  
Council Chair/Secretary