

**St. Peter Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 13, 2018**

**Present:**

Rev. Jerome P. Foley  
Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.,  
    Pastoral Associate  
Jim Dahlstrom, Music Ministry  
Eileen Barsi  
Kathleen Bissell  
Theresa Kannengeiser  
Eric Romero  
Frances Romero  
Judi Steele

**Absent:**

Denise Allen, Confirmation  
Pat Carroll  
Dale Fajardo  
Kevin Kannengeiser  
Vickie Newman  
Lisa Wuerstle

**Call to Order**

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

Kathleen led the council in the opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Kathleen referred the council to the minutes from the October 9, 2018 meeting, which were previously distributed to members. The minutes were approved without amendment.

**Committee Reports**

Finance Committee (FC) – In Dale Fajardo’s absence, Kathleen advised that the Finance Committee met and reviewed various financial reports, including an income and expense and line item report on parish expenditures. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in January 2019.

Liturgy Committee – Eileen reported that the All Soul’s mass was beautiful and those receiving the keepsake candles were very appreciative. The service was very well attended. Archdiocese required training sessions have been completed for lectors and prayer readers and the session for recertification of current lectors/prayer readers and EMHC will occur November 17. Several ministers have retired from service and we are actively recruiting replacements. The first of what is hoped to be several educational sessions on Faith in Action activities has occurred and the attendance was disappointing. The council discussed various options to improve attendance and ‘get the word’ out for future events.

The Pajaro Giving Program will occur again this year when the volunteers and gifts will be transported December 1, 2018. This remains one of our most important stewardship programs with participation from countless parishioners.

Judi Steele reported that the updated guides for EMHC have been posted and ministers are encouraged to review the recently released Upcoming Mass Schedule to sign up for service during December and January.

Faith Formation – Sister provided a brief update on the faith formation programs. There will be brief break at Thanksgiving followed by preparation for Advent and Lent. The catechists are helping to prepare for Christmas. Sister reported that the Christmas Boutique was a great success, although a lot of work. Next year she hopes to encourage more volunteers in the kitchen and in support of the children's activities. Funds raised from Saturday was very good, but Sunday had a lighter attendance. The basket raffle was a huge success and \$2,000 was raised. The St. Peter Plum Jam was also well received and raised \$1,500. The food service, with the help of Erin and Carol was also a big hit. Next year, with added volunteers, it's hoped the Boutique will exceed this year's results.

Music Ministry – Jim reported that the choir, although smaller in number, is performing very well as members work together to bring voices together in praise to God. On November 30, the Magicflutes will return for a performance and we are hoping that the event will, again, attract an enthusiastic audience as it did last year. The council discussed several ways to 'get the word out' through social media, announcements, bulletin item, marquee, etc. Sister reminded the council that the Pajaro tractor/trailers will also be utilizing the parking lot that evening, so a proper coordination should occur.

### **Old Business**

Capital Expenditures – It was reported that the various upgrades to the parish facilities are still unfolding on schedule. Eileen provided an update on the sound system upgrade which is in the final stages of adjustments. Eileen also recommended, and volunteered to draft, a bulletin item to thank the parishioners for their financial support which makes these important changes happen.

Eileen provided an update on the preparation for December's Parish Mission during Advent. Father Nathan Castle will be presiding at all masses during the weekend of December 8 and 9 and will conduct the Mission event beginning on Sunday afternoon, December 9, and continuing with morning and evening sessions on December 10 and 11. Notices of the event are posted in the narthex, on the parish website and Facebook page and have also been included in the Deanery newsletter and Catholic San Francisco. The event's foundational text "And Toto Too" is available for sale prior to the Mission. Sister Hilda and Eileen will coordinate the use of facilities and encourage all those serving in the parish ministries to participate in the Mission.

Parish Council Evaluation - Kathleen encouraged PC members to continue with feedback and input.

### **New Business**

Stewardship Activities – Faith in Action is considering additional topics for future events.

At Father Jerry's request, Eileen reached out to a potential speaker who would be an excellent source for information regarding the current church crisis regarding sexual abuse. She will be working with Thomas Plante, PhD, ABPP, who is well qualified and currently affiliated with Santa Clara University. Our hope is schedule Professor Plante to speak with us in February or March 2019.

### **Thoughts from Father Jerry and Sr. Hilda**

Father Jerry said he and Dave Minetto had met to discuss ways to improve the Christmas Giving Tree this year. There will be a number of charitable organizations that will remain on the tree and one removed due to its duplication with other collection events. Sister Hilda mentioned that the Los Posadas may occur again this December and other arrangements for delivery of the Christmas Tree for the Sanctuary will need to be made as Delancey Street will not be delivering trees this year.

### **Closing Prayer**

Kathleen the council in a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting:** The council and others who serve the St. Peter Community will enjoy a Christmas dinner on December 16 in lieu of the Pastoral Council meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held January 8, 2019.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.