

Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral Council Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	November 18, 2024 6:30 PM
Meeting Location	OLR Rosary Hall
Members Present	Father Sabastian, Ann Kolb, Kathi McLendon, Maryzabel Hernandez, Brandon Shriver, Kevin Bertelsen, Zusanna Herrera, Esperanza Rincon
Members Absent	Jim Mach, Orla Kelly-Rajan, Donaciano Corona, John Lombardi, Holly Turnage, Pat Farner
Guests/Other Members	Helen Greco, George Olmoz
Meeting Presider	Father Sabastian, Kevin Bertelsen

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading/Sharing	Pat Farner (sent reflection in her absence) Matthew 6: 30-34	
Pastor's Opening Remarks	Father Sabastian	
Attendance Sign-In/Excuses	Seven members and Father Sabastian were present.	
Approval of Minutes		A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting so approval was moved to the next meeting.
Amendment/ Additions to the Agenda	One addition under Other Business: Conversational English and Conversational Spanish classes	
Business of the Day	<p>Follow-Up on Audiovisual System: Kevin contacted the IT department at the Diocese office. They indicated that they were developing a preferred providers list to help parishes in selecting audiovisual vendors.</p> <p>Updates on Pastoral Council Action Plan Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish-wide unity events/Orla: no report • Babysitting: Pat sent a report stating that a parishioner who is certified to provide the training is willing to do so. The cost is \$45/person and requires two Saturday sessions to become Red Cross certified in babysitting and CPR. Kevin stated that perhaps the church budget could be used to cover part of the \$45 charge for interested youth. • Research on effective church unity options/Father and Esperanza: no report • Special liturgical events during Advent/Ann and Maryzabel: no report • Church survey/Kathi: Kathi reported that she did not receive any recommendations for changes to the draft survey that she emailed members last month. Once the survey is finalized, a distribution date will need to be established. • Calendar of outreach activities/Brandon: no report • Pastoral Council brochure: Father distributed brochures (English and Spanish) that were developed to outline some of the main points of the Pastoral Council Action Plan. 	<p>Kevin is awaiting a call-back from an IT professional with the Diocese to seek additional information.</p> <p>Pat will follow-up with the interested youth at this week's youth meeting to see how many are willing to devote two Saturdays to the training. She also stated that the training could be opened up to other youth in the parish as well.</p> <p>Ann will meet with Helen this week to discuss options.</p> <p>Kathi will resend the survey and ask members to respond.</p> <p>The brochures will be distributed this weekend during the Masses.</p>

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	Follow-up on Bishop's request for adopting a parish in western NC: Father stated that the Diocese has not contacted him yet.	
Other Business	<p>Update on Pumpkin Patch/John: no report</p> <p>Building community at Mass: Kathi stated that three parishioners who attend the 5:00 Saturday Mass approached her with a common concern. They appreciated the fact that the Council was focusing on building a sense of community but were concerned since they were recently told that their greetings and conversations with each other before Mass were disturbing those who wanted to have silent reflection/prayer. The concerned parishioners felt that their conversations were the very thing that helped to build a sense of community among the attendees at 5:00 Mass. Kathi suggested that perhaps a time could be designated after the rosary for parishioners to joyfully greet their friends followed by five minutes for silent prayer before Mass began</p> <p>Kathi also suggested that ushers be advised to keep the doors to the sanctuary closed so that the greetings of parishioners entering the church do not disturb those reciting the rosary or in silent prayer</p> <p>Conversational Spanish and English classes: Ann has been researching various options and is awaiting information back from the community college. Ann hoped that perhaps one of our Hispanic parishioners might be willing to teach the Conversational Spanish class.</p>	<p>Father explained that the sanctuary is a sacred environment in which parishioners should be preparing for the celebration of Mass. Conversations should be held outside of the sanctuary.</p> <p>Helen will advise the ushers to do so when she posts the December schedule.</p> <p>Maryzabel volunteered to teach the Conversational Spanish class. She will research some options and report back at the December meeting with scheduling, duration, and cost.</p>
Recognition of commissions and groups	<p>Finance: Brandon emailed a financial report to the members prior to the meeting. Although offertory collections are down, fundraising has helped to cover the difference. Brandon indicated there was no need for concern at this point.</p> <p>Ann inquired about the special collection for the Backpack Program that was held several months ago. She has been trying to get the check to no avail.</p> <p>Discussion was held on asking the various commissions and groups to provide an annual report to the Pastoral Council.</p>	<p>Brandon will follow-up on the Backpack check.</p> <p>Kathi will prepare a schedule inviting 1 – 2 groups to make a presentation at each monthly meeting.</p>
Announcements	<p>Helen invited Father to the Cancer Center's Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.</p> <p>Kevin asked Father to consider publishing the holiday Mass schedule soon because parishioners are inquiring about the times.</p> <p>The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on December 9 with a bilingual Mass at 6:30 pm.</p>	
Next meeting date	Monday, December 16 6:30 PM Prayer and Scripture Reading - Maryzabel	
Closing prayer	Father Sabastian	
Meeting adjourned	7:16 PM	
Minutes submitted by:	Kathi McLendon	