

**SJTW Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
February 10, 2022**

Attendance of members present: Mary Jo Ouillette, Barbara Callan, Jose Aguilera, Ken King, Dave Olako, Conrad Kemble, and Carole Sumner.

Absent: Mike Cummings and Richard Burris.

Chairperson Barbara Callan called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Opening Prayer: Ken King

Minutes of January 11, 2022, meeting- Provided by Mary Jo Ouillette. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ken King and seconded by Dave Olako with an added amendment. Minutes will be archived.

Committee Reports:

- **Spiritual Life** Ken King Deadline for Synod is January 30th. Good Shepherd lottery tickets are \$50.00 each. Tickets are available from Margaret Cummings, Bill Marquardt, and Jodi Swiderek. Diocese Home Campaign is underway and there is an insert in the bulletin. The Knights of Columbus are having a Fat Tuesday Dinner March 1st from 5 to 7 P.M. If you would like your 2021 church donation form for your taxes, you can call the church office.

- **Spiritual Life Hispanic Community** Jose Aguilera. There will be a procession outside in the field for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The Hispanic Community is planning a meeting to discuss how this will proceed. One of the Hispanic ladies of our parish is quite ill, and the Hispanic Community has raised over \$4000.00 to help with medical expenses.

- **Education Ministry** Father Julius stated that the Sacrament of Penance (First Confession) will be given to the CCD children much earlier in the year rather than just prior to their First Communion. This allows the children some time to practice and better understand that sacrament. There will be twelve children for penance service. First Holy Communion is May 7th. The Bishop is coming for Confirmation on March 27th.

- **Social Action** Mike Cummings. Absent.
- **Family Life** Mary Jo Ouillette. No report.
- **Parish Life**
- **Finance Committee** Richard Burris No report
- **Administration** Barbara Callan. Reminder: As soon as council members receive the meeting minutes, please respond back to Mary Jo with any corrections or changes so that minutes are reviewed by all before the scheduled Council meeting time.

Old Business:

- **Synod survey update from Diocese.** The survey is completed in the Diocese. Under 5000 responded and 105 participated from our parish. Ben Swiderek and Barbara will send a summary report to Diocese. If any parishioner wishes to attend a listening session, Barbara and Ben will meet with them. The Diocese gave us a 100 percent response rate.
- **Report – Women’s Group update.** There was a reorganization meeting in January and the Women’s Group now has a new treasurer Karen Morgan, and Secretary Marlene Olako. Current members as well as many new members of the parish are actively involved. The Women’s Group made a donation to the Knoxville Council Catholic Women for their food packaging drive to feed hungry children around the world. The next meeting will be held on February 19.
- The irrigation system in the Grotto will be updated and this will save us money. We have member Carolyn Chase, who is a master gardener, who will work with Eileen Askey our landscaper. Jose Aguilera and Joel Garcia volunteered to install the irrigation system. We hope to be watering in April or May.
- **Report- Parish directory update.** The directory had a good response. 97 households participated and it was a considerable success. We now need photos of each parish group: Women’s group, Knights of Columbus, Finance, Council, altar servers, lectors, ushers, eucharistic ministers, CCD teachers, youth group, choir, and sacristy. These photos will be scheduled.
- **Report- Bishop’s Appeal campaign.** Follow-up announcement for this weekend.

New Business:

- **Father Julius 30th Anniversary of Ordination in July-** We are doing some preliminary planning for this event. Tentatively, a celebration event may be held on Saturday, July

16, 2022, after the 4 P.M. Mass. Mary Jo will investigate catering for this event. Knights of Columbus will set up the facility and take down. Jose can arrange for a tent. Dave Olako will make arrangements for attendance and a system for reservations. The Women's group can do table covers, decorations, and flowers. Jose will discuss with the Hispanic Community plans for a Sunday celebration for Father after their 12:30 Mass. More plans to follow in the months ahead.

- **Lenten Activities-** Father reminds us that Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. He stated that the Covid restrictions have been relaxed by the Bishop. He reminds parishioners to please do not attend Mass if ill. Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent will be led by different parish groups.
- **Parish Appeal-** We need to set a date where we make a parish appeal for talents and skills. We will devise a form or survey and ask parishioners what they enjoy doing, and could their talent or skill be shared with the parish in some way or form.
- **Any Parishioner Concerns-** Father reminds members to bring any parishioner concerns or questions to the council for review.
- **Dave Olako-** Opening prayer for March meeting
- **Next meeting date. March 8, 2022. 6 P.M.**

Pastor's Comments: Father thanked everyone for their time and talents. Father also asked Conrad Kemble to determine how many youths (middle school, high school, and college age) we have active in the Parish. We would like to build a youth ministry around their interests and concerns. Father suggested he work with Vanessa.

Mary Beavers is officially volunteering Tuesday and Wednesday in the office, working on documenting office procedures.

Dave Olako thanked Father for opportunity to speak for Bishop's Campaign.

Closing Prayer. Father Julius. Father Julius prays in a special way for all the sick of the parish. The Lord's Prayer is offered with gratitude and love for all.

Meeting adjourned- 7:20 pm,

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Ouillette, Secretary