**SJTW Catholic Church**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 8, 2022**

**Attendance of members present:** Barbara Callan, Mary Jo Ouillette,Ken King, Carole Sumner, Jose Aguilera, Dave Olako, Conrad Kemble, Mike Cummings, and Fr. Julius Abuh (Ex-Officio)**.**

**Absent:** Richard Burris.

**Chairperson:** Barbara Callan calls meeting to order at 6 P.M.

**Opening Prayer:** Dave Olako

**Minutes of February 10, 2022, meeting-** Mary Jo Ouillette. The motion to accept minutes was made by Dave Olako and seconded by Ken King. Minutes approved and will be archived.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Spiritual Life** Ken King. The 4th Sunday covered dish after the 10 A.M. Mass has started again. All invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy a meal and fellowship.
* Bible Study classes will start in March. Contact Marion Croker at 423-420-0135.
* Vatican Radio is celebrating its 90th anniversary with new services. Broadcasts are via satellite, digital platforms, or radio waves.
* Father Julius 30th Anniversary of Ordination will be celebrated on July 16th. Plans are underway.
* Stations of the Cross on Friday’s during Lent at 6 P.M. in English and 7 P.M. in Spanish.
* Anyone interested in volunteering for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should call the Parish office. A training schedule will be posted soon.
* Please support Catholic Relief Services with Operation Rice Bowl.
* **Spiritual Life Hispanic Community** Jose Aquilera. Living Stations of the Cross will be held outdoors on Good Friday at 1:30 and will be in Spanish. Details to come in the Bulletin. A Good Friday service begins at 7 p.m. in the church.
* **Education Ministry** Father Juliusannounced that the Bishop is coming March 27th for Baptism of the eleven candidates taking RCIA classes. This will be at the 10 a.m. Mass.The candidates will attend a retreat the week before on Saturday, March 19th.
* **Social Action** M Cummings. No report.
* **Family Life** M Ouillette No report.
* **Parish Life**  Carole Sumner is assigned to report on Parish Life.
* **Finance Committee**  Father Julius reviewed a report from the Finance Committee and this report will be read at weekend Masses and posted in the Parish Hall.
* **Administration** Barbara Callan. Barbara requested that Council members please respond to sender verifying receipt of minutes and agenda.
* **Youth Ministry.** Conrad reported that he has connected with thirteen youths of high school to college age. Father Julius asked Conrad to work with Vanessa and Daniella.

**Old Business:**

* **Report –** Barbara reported on the Women’s Group parish Project updates. Jose is working with Barbara on the new irrigation system for the grotto, and she is waiting for an estimate from Jose and Joel.
* The Women’s Group is also hoping to replace the blinds in the Parish Hall with light filtering shades and are researching products and costs. Dave suggested looking into tinting windows.
* **Parish Directory Update:**  Father reported that Mark Dye continues to work on the directory.is working out details on the directory. Dave voiced some concerns onThe guidance given on Personal Identifiable Information (PII) is regulated by US Dept of labor ( **although does not directly regulate us**); Dave stated his concern is that these rules are intended to protect our personal identity, especially in light of the identity theft  prevalent today. His concern is any liability we may incur if the directory option to exclude PII is not given. Barbara said she believes parishioners were given options of what information they wanted in the directory at time of portrait sittings. Mark Dye monitors this issue.
* **Father Julius 30th Anniversary of Ordination in July update on plans.** Dave presented a rough draft offlyer and reservation form. Discussion of some preliminary plans ensued. Father will give us a number count for his invited guests.More details on this celebration to be discussed at the next meeting and definitive plans announced later.
* **Lenten/Easter Activities.** Stations of the Cross continue on Fridays during Lent at 6 P.M. (English) and will be led by the various groups in the Parish.On Tuesday, April 12, there will be a Chrism Mass in Knoxville at 7 P.M. The Bishop blesses the three oils that we use during Mass. Father will attend this Mass, and for that reason, we will not have a Council meeting that evening.

**New Business:**

* **Any Parishioner Concerns** One parishioner asked why we do not have announcements before Mass rather than after. Father prefers that parishioners not be presented with other matters on their mind before we start Mass.
* **Next meeting date.** No meeting in April. Next meeting will be May 3rd, 2022, at 6 P.M.

**Pastor’s Comments:** Father Julius thanked Council members for everything that they do. He also requested that we should all encourage parishioners to have Masses said for their families and friends.

**Closing Prayer:** Father Julius prays in a special way for all the sick of the parish, especially Charles Downs, our parishioner. The Lord’s Prayer is offered with gratitude and love for all.

**Meeting adjourned- 7:05 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Ouillette, Secretary