

**SJTW Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2022**

Council Members Present. Barbara Callan, Mary Jo Ouillette, Dave Olako, Jose Aguilera, Ken King, Father Julius Abuh (ex-officio).

Chairperson Barbara Callan called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Opening Prayer: Dave Olako.

Minutes of September 20, 2022, meeting by Maryjo Ouillette- September meeting minutes were reviewed by members online and vote needed to approve. A motion was made by Dave Olako and seconded by Ken King. Minutes are archived.

Committee Reports:

- **Spiritual Life- Ken King** summarized on the many ongoing parish activities as seen in the weekly bulletin
- **Spiritual Life Hispanic Community- J Aguilera.** There was a three-day retreat in Cleveland for the Hispanic Community at St. Therese Catholic Church, Sept. 30 through Sunday October 2nd. Three children were baptized on Saturday, October 15.
- **Education Ministry- Dave Olako** reported K thru 8th grade has approximately 40 students enrolled religious education. There are no immediate needs regarding requests for funds. The RCIA- Ben Swiderick is looking for help in obtaining program materials. Bible study has about 12 members.
- **Social Action- M Cummings.** Absent. No report.
- **Family Life- M Ouillette.** No report.
- **Parish Life- Carole Sumner.** Absent. **Barbara reported** that there would not be an Advent Tea for lack of volunteers to host tables. She stated that the group would be focusing on fellowship, service, faith, and fun in planning several smaller events throughout the year. A holiday cookie exchange is planned for November 9th at 1:30 PM in church hall; details will be in the bulletin. A speaker is planned for January to provide a faith program for women in the parish; arrangements and details to follow. There will be a Lenten luncheon for parishioners on a Wednesday during Lent.
- **Finance Committee- Richard Burris.** Absent. No report.
- **Youth group - Conrad Kemble.** Absent. **Dave reported** requests for parish support for upcoming Trunk or Treat and for donations. Bring candy and/or money to help purchase candy. This will event be held after the 12 AM Mass on October 30th.

- **Administration** Barbara Callan-no report

Old Business:

- **Parish Christmas Party-** This will be held December 11, 2022, at 1:30 PM.

New Business:

- **Parish Pastoral Council Bylaws.** Our Parish Council Bylaws dated 2012, will be reviewed. We will obtain the Diocesan Parish Council Bylaws Guidelines as a reference for our council.
- **Welcome Committee Meet and Greet for new parishioners:** November 6, 1:30- 3:30 in parish hall. Request that Council members plan to attend. There is planned a second Meet and Greet for Hispanic parishioners in November as well.
- **Any Parishioner Concerns** - Dave Olako stated, in the case of any overcrowding (blocking exits) in certain Masses, that there may still a valid concern of no exit at the front (altar side) of the church should the need arise. Father stated that at this time there is no overcrowding at weekend Masses when parishioners come forward to fill in all the pews.
- **Pastor's comments.** Father stated that a committee chaired by Gary Boeckenstedt is conducting a discovery study for possible future construction for a Family Life Center building. Father also reminds Council that Mike Cummings and Ken King complete their term of service on the Parish Council at the end of 2022. Two new council members will be added for 2023.
- **Next meeting date- January 10, 2023, at 6 PM.**

Closing Prayer. Father again gave appreciation to the members of the council and all the members of the church. 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 at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Ouillette, Secretary