**SJTW Catholic Church**

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 3, 2022**

**Attendance of members present:** Barbara Callan, Mary Jo Ouillette, Dave Olako, Carole Sumner, Ken King, Mike Cummings, Jose Aguilar. Absent: Conrad Kemble and Richard Burris.

**Chair:** Barbara Callan calls meeting to order at 6:07 PM

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Jo Ouillette

**Minutes of March 10, 2022, meeting- March meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted online and have been posted.**

**Committee Reports:**

* **Spiritual Life** Ken King Ken that he received many positive comments on the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. He mentioned also for continued prayers for the Military family members of our church, a reminder which is in the Bulletin weekly as well as during the Petitions at Mass.
* **Spiritual Life Hispanic Community** Jose is meeting with the Hispanic population in two weeks on how they will proceed with celebration plans after the 12:30 Mass for Father’s Ordination.
* **Education Ministry** Father Julius-First Communion is on Mother’s Day May 8th.
* **Social Action** M Cummings Waiting for call back from Margaret Cummings for an update ( Good Shepherd). Donuts are in the parish hall after 8 A.M. and 10 A.M. Mass.
* **Family Life** M Ouillette no update
* **Parish Life** Carole Sumner no update
* **Finance Committee** Richard Burrisabsent
* **Administration** Barbara Callan asked everyone to respond to emails that they receive from Barbara and Mary Jo.

**Old Business:** Barbara updated the Council on progress of the irrigation system. There are a few issues to resolve yet and Dave Olako volunteered to also help with setting the system to auto water the Grotto.

* **Report – Women’s Group parish project updates.** Concerning the Ordination celebration, the Women’s Group and parishioners will bring garden flowers by noon on Saturday July 16th for centerpieces for each table. They will also be responsible for tablecloths and other dining details. The Knights will have the parish hall floor cleaned and polished and set up the room by Friday the 15th.
* **Report- Parish directory update** Father Julius reported we should receive a tentative copy for review and proofing in about two weeks. Mark Dye will be responsible for verification that everything is correct.
* **Father Julius 30th Anniversary of Ordination in July update on celebration plans.** Barbara presented the reservation form that parishioners will be completing along with their donation check for dinner reservations for the July 16th Ordination celebration for Father Julius. All reservations should be returned by June 25th. Dave Olako volunteered to oversee the reservations process. Mary Jo and Barbara are collaborating with Donna’s Catering regarding the menu and incidentals required. Ken, Mike, and Dave will work out details with the Knights on projects. Jose is looking into tent rental.

**New Business:**

* **Father’s trip to Nigeria** Mary Beavers is assisting in the office during Father’s absence.
* **Any Parishioner Concerns** no concerns.
* **Next meeting date** is June 10th at 6 P.M. This is a tentative date.

**Pastor’s Comments:** Father thanked everyone for their time and talent. Father mentioned that there is a new distribution center to be built in Sweetwater with the potential of hiring 5,000 employees. That could bring additional members to our church, as he stated presently our parish membership is increasing.

**Closing Prayer.** 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 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Jo Ouillette, Secretary**