

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST, 2018**

**Attendees:** Fr. Jesse, Steve Melaragno, Jesus Salazar, Elizabeth Heredia, Tina Robledo, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened at 7:00 with prayer.

April minutes were read and approved.

**Old Business**

- Chairs in Sanctuary have been reupholstered for under \$1500. We will get new bids to reupholster the pews and kneelers. We will ask to bid items separately, ie kneelers with and without new padding, cushions with and without buttons. We will also get a bid from a guy from Navasota that Father met at Maryopolis.
- Plastics documentary—Cardinal advised against participating
- Father has created a survey concerning Mass times. Will possibly offer weekday Mass at noon so more people could attend.
- Parish Hall Rental Policy—sound system is not part of rental agreement. They must bring their own sound equipment. Deposit is \$250. We have only 20 tables. We need to look at replacing tables with lightweight plastic tables that can be purchased at Sams
- Festival netted \$69,293. We discussed our current financial position. Steve suggested that our Finance Committee come up with guidelines on \$ amount to be on hand for emergencies, \$ amount for normal upkeep, and \$ amount for projects. Then we could start talking with people about what improvements they would like to see.
- Father mentioned that Xfinity has a promotion where we can get 5 cameras for \$99/month. Each camera would store about a month's video before recording over it. We're not sure if the package is just for residential use around the rectory or if cameras can be placed elsewhere on the church grounds.

**New Business**

- Father would like to change from Diocesan bulletins to LPI bulletins. He is not happy with Diocesan's work. We are getting more information, but what Father understands, LPI will print in color at no charge as long as there are at least 35 ads.
- Christian Bustos, our new seminarian, will arrive Aug 16 and stay until January. He will learn about life at the parish level helping at Masses, doing home/hospital visits, helping with youth ministry, etc.. We only need to provide food and shelter and reimburse some expenses.
- Father suggested Norma Moreno as the new Festival Chairperson. All were in agreement, so he will ask her.
- Staffing Changes—Br Bill is the CCE Coordinator, Deacon Felipe is the Liturgy Coordinator, Angel Trevino is the part time Maintenance Person, Alex Cava is our Youth Minister. Jose is playing piano at 5:30 Mass until Aug 27 when he goes back to school and Sam is playing piano at 9:00 Mass for the next 2 weeks. Aug 18-19 the Office Staff will be at all Masses to meet everyone and to receive a Blessing.

- Next meeting is Sept 6.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member