



**Meeting Minutes
Pastoral Council**

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Attendance:

Michael Akiboh
Viviana Alderete
Michael Amaechi
Luis Frias
Patrick Nguyen
Gladys Ofili
Robert Ontko (recording minutes)
Marilyn Paningbatan
Virginia Platt

1. Opening Prayer was led by Luis, and the meeting was called to order.
2. Action Item List
 - a. Patrick has updated the website with minutes and pictures.
 - b. Each member should check out the website over the next month and provide feedback at the next meeting.
3. St. Justin Martyr Community Review
 - a. The African Community is concerned about the room use fee.
 - b. The Vietnamese Community covered the room fees for the language program.
 - c. Room use fee is an Archdiocesan rule for groups that are not considered church ministries.
 - d. Some thought that a ministry is defined by catechesis.
 - e. Robert will investigate the definition of ministry and fee assessment process and report back at the next meeting.
4. Vocations Committee
 - a. Luis gave a brief summary of the Vocations Committee on September 9, 2015.
 - b. Eight people attended the meeting representing various ministries. Fr. Paul will reach out the missing ministries.
 - c. A Vocations Week is planned for November 1 through 8. They will try to say a rosary before each mass.
 - d. Events will be planned every 4 months to promote vocations.
 - e. A seminarian, who was a former parishioner, shared his experience with the committee.
5. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
 - a. Robert attended Parish Delegate training on August 29.
 - b. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is still focused on implementing the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.

- c. He will serve as a two-way street for communications between the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and the parish Pastoral Council.
6. Summer Instruction Posters
 - a. Patrick and Gladys's poster will be posted by next Sunday. Poster is need of member biographies.
7. New Council Members
 - a. Four members will leave the council at the end of this year.
 - b. Robert challenged the attendees to bring the name of one potential new member to the next meeting.
 - c. Robert asked attendees to consider one of the officer position if their term is not ending this year.
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice Chair
 - iii. Secretary
8. Adopt-a-Kneeler
 - a. Viviana reported on the progress of the Adopt-a-Kneeler project.
 - b. Fundraising for the Adopt-a-Kneeler project has raised over \$20,000.
 - c. An additional weekend of appeals is scheduled for September 26 and 27.
 - i. Robert volunteered to make the announcements.
 - ii. Deacon Nhat will make the announcement for the Vietnamese mass.
 - d. Attendees raised questions about warranty, liability, and schedule.
 - e. Viviana mentioned some critiques from parishioners and attendees offered their support.
 - f. Funds are being kept in a separate account.
 - g. Contractor offered to steam clean the pew seats as well.
 - h. Goal is to have the project completed by Thanksgiving.
9. Open Forum
 - a. Attendees praised the new administration for improving transparency.
10. Closing Prayer was said by Luis, and meeting was adjourned.