

St Justin Martyr Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
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The St. Justin Martyr Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance were Robert Ontko, Patrick Cuang Nguyen, Luis Frias, Viviana Alderete, Michael Akiboh, Hai Quang Pham, Gladys Ofili, Guadalupe Mussio and Virginia Platt. Marilyn Paningbatan, Michael Amaechi, Rosemary Tran and Fr. Paul were absent. Virginia Platt recorded the minutes.

The meeting began with an opening prayer lead by Mussio.

The next item discussed was the PC web presented by Nguyen. Nguyen reported changes to website that include member's photos, minutes and email contact link to members when inquiries are submitted. Nguyen stated that his term will expire in November 2015.

The third item on the agenda was SJM community review items. During the September meeting, the Vietnamese community inquired about fees for the use of church facilities. During this meeting, the council members suggested to keep a copy of the Archdiocese Manual.

Ontko reported that Archdiocese Pastoral Manual required a website login/password to gain access. Ontko stated that Section-A, paragraph-12 states fees charged are at the discretion of the Pastor.

The fourth item was about the replacement of council members that terms expire November 2015. Those members are Ontko/Chairman, Pham and Nguyen. Ontko requested that each member submit at the least one potential candidate for those position before the end of the week.

The fifth item discussed were the officer position open for the coming year. Platt accepted the chair position, which opened up the vice- chair position Platt held during 2014-2015. Alderete accepted the Vice-Chair position.

The sixth item was presented by Alderete, chairperson for the Adopt-a-Kneeler program. Alderete reported that the Houston Galveston Archdiocese rejected the contract submitted to them for the adopt-a-kneeler project due to insurance requirements were not adequate. Alderete plans to submit a different contract within the next few days for approval. Alderete provided the council with an updated report on funds gathered for the project. The council's goal is to have the kneelers completed before the end of the year.

The seventh agenda item discussed was the final Summer Instruction poster. Akiboh is working on the poster and will complete it this month. Akiboh would like to address the problem of parishioners leaving mass early by providing them with a leaflet as they depart.

The last agenda item discussed during open forum was the upcoming Stewardship Meeting. Frias is the council's representative and has made plans to attend the meetings. Frias will provide reports to the committee.

Alderete suggested a Thanksgiving dinner for the November meeting to bid farewell to the members whose terms have expired and welcome to the new members. The council was unanimous to the suggestion.

With no further reports, the meeting ended at 8:30 pm with a closing prayer lead by Mussio.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.