

Attendees: Robert Ontko, Michael Akiboh, Michael Amaechi, Luis Frias, Virginia Platt, Gladys Ofili, Viviana Alderete, Guadalupe Mussio, Marilyn Paningbatan, Rosemary Tran (recording minutes)

Start time: 7:28pm

* Tran took photos of all present members before the start of the meeting. Photos will be sent to Ontko to be posted to the website.

- I. **Opening Prayer:** Ontko led prayer.
- II. **Action Item List:**
 - a. Tran will send out minutes from the last meeting.
 - b. New photos will be added once we have photos for all members.
- III. **SJM Community Review:**
 - a. Austin Lestage spoke to some of the members about building a volleyball/sand court in the vacant sports field.
 - b. There was some discussion regarding a community garden. Platt explained that we could recruit volunteers from area high schools to create and maintain a community garden to offer fresh vegetables in addition to the donated items from the pantry. Mussio shared that she knows of a community garden in Alief that was started by UH architecture students for free. The land is being leased from Alief at a very minimal cost, as long as no permanent buildings/creations are established. Urban Harvest might be the group that sponsors it.
- IV. **Parish Mission & St. Joseph's Dinner:** There were several members who were able to attend at least one of these events. Platt attended all the English Parish Mission sessions and thought they were very powerful and enjoyed them very much.
- V. **Archdiocesan Pastoral Council:** The deadline to submit the SJM representative for the council is this Friday, March 27. Chovanec will need to approve the candidate. Chovanec was keen on having one of the members of the SJM Pastoral Council serve on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. Meetings are quarterly and membership is a three-year commitment. Ontko and Platt were mentioned as nominees. Ontko commented that he has been attempting to make more of a connection for the young adult ministry at the archdiocesan level. Ontko will inform Chovanec that the Council has decided on nominating himself.
- VI. **Evangelization Committee:** Chovanec was looking for names to start an Evangelization Committee. Members could be anyone from the community, and preferably not us since we are all involved in other ministries aside from the council. Several parishioners wanted more information on the commitment and level of involvement expected.

[Tran had to leave from the meeting at this point to attend another meeting.]

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.