

S. H. Cathedral Parish Council Minutes, July 18, 2022

Members in attendance were Bob Budke, Tym Bonilla, Carol Augustine, Colleen Marrs, Fr. Ernest, Fr. Fred, Nancy Jaquay and Susan Nelson

The opening prayer was given by Fr. Fred. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Bob reported that the parish festival went extremely well.

Reports- Tym gave a St. Mary's Grade School report. As principal he promotes catechesis and Catholic schools. The enrollment is projected at 350 with only 2nd and 5th grade openings. There were 329 students at the end of school in May. Only 2-3 teachers are non-Catholic but are Christians who promote the faith. The new standardized religious test is the ARK test. 40-50% of the students are on free or reduced lunch.

Colleen reported that graduation, Chromebook care, building a weight room, switching the location of the chapel and the library and school maintenance were topics of discussion at the May meeting.

Nancy gave a detailed report of the festival. Less donations were given so more of the budget was used. The grills were slow to work delaying the meal about 30 minutes. The indoor and lawn venue were enjoyed by most. Bingo was a big draw as well as the bake walk and face painting. An entrance and exit were suggested for the bake walk to allow more to participate. Baked goods were plentiful. Serving the food rather than buffet style worked okay. Perhaps next year a mix of both. Serving the main dish and buffet line for side items. Leftover food was frozen to be used for future church events. About 300 attended this year compared to about 100 last year. Sign placement may need to be changed but in the next year, people will know better where to look for events. With the heat, misters could be borrowed for relief. Nancy will not be the only chair for the event next year.

Unfinished Business- Dan Hebert and Ishmael Garcia have resigned from the parish council. Each remaining member is asked to submit several names at the next meeting for possible replacements.

New Business- Cathedral air conditioning (chiller) system is the original and is not as good as it was. A new system will be about \$250,000 and could be paid for with parishioner donations, the Improvement and Maintenance fund, the Farm account and Bequest monies.

Bob reported that 6 members of the parish attended a Crisis Response presentation in Concordia. Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish has plans in place for a variety of emergencies such as natural disasters, fire, medical emergencies and intruders. Fr. Ernest felt the meeting was a good starting place for discussion in our parish. Options discussed at our meeting included training ushers, greeters, and others for mass, visiting with retired first responders, perhaps hiring security for events, or doing not much more. Liability is a concern. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Sept. 19, 5:30 pm in the conference room. Fr. Fred will be the prayer leader.