

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord Mission**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Jeanne Shepherd- 502-662-2661 (06/19)

Minutes

September 6 2016

**Members Present:** Father Jacob, Terri Mounce, Don Wright, Robin Fremin, Jeff Fremin, Jim O’Neill, Jeanne Shepherd, Kathy Beiger

**Opening Prayer:** Father Jacob

**Review/Approval of Minutes:**

Don moved to approve August 2nd minutes. Robin seconded. Minutes Approved

**Old Business:**

Maintenance: Painters are scheduled to begin in November. So far, all work is on schedule.

The new air handlers for the church heating/cooling are much larger and louder than the old ones. This has caused problems with people not being able to hear well when they start during Mass. To avoid this, during the summer the thermostat will be lowered a couple of degrees before Mass and then shut off when Mass begins. This will also be done during the winter when the furnace is used.

The Quarterly Newsletter has been posted on the St. John / Transfiguration website. The Parish Council minutes will also be posted each month after they have been approved by the Council.

Minor wording changes were suggested to the amendment by-laws. Don recommended the Council approve with the recommended changes. Jeanne seconded the motion. All present approved. The revised by-laws will be signed by Father and posted on the Parish web-site.

### **Committee Discussion:**

The Discipleship Committee will look at how they can help support parish worship through working to train and retain more servers. They will meet to develop a scope and guidelines for what is needed and expected of servers.

Council continued with ongoing discussion about committee organization. It was suggested that each committee have a defined purpose and "mission statement" along with defined responsibilities.

The discipleship Committee has accomplished this. The next committee to be focused on will be the worship committee. Jeanne, Terri and Fr. Jacob will meet to begin the process. They will define scope and responsibilities and try to identify any issues or missing pieces. Scope of all committees will tie in with the mission statement of the parish.

### **New Business:**

A discussion was held concerning the long term goals for improving and supporting the spiritual life of the parish. It must be a combination of reasoned, measured action and prayer. Questions to consider were 1) What can we be doing in the next year to start revitalizing the parish through our own individual work and encouragement of others? 2) What would we like to see different in our parish in a year? 3) What do we do well as a parish? 4) What do we need to change as a parish?

It was decided that answering these questions should begin with a town hall meeting. It was suggested that a facilitator from the Diocese be asked to moderate a meeting. It was also suggested that the meeting be held before the end of October to avoid the holiday season. Father will contact someone from the Diocese to see if they provide that type of service.

The Hispanic Dinner will be held on September 24 at 6pm.

A Hispanic Day of Mercy will be held on October 22. There will be opportunities for confession and testimonies.

Father will try to arrange for a member of the Hispanic community to attend the October council meeting.

The high school class will be sponsoring a bake sale to purchase Bibles for the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms. Tentative date is October 23.

A request was made for Mass Cards to be placed back in the pews. Don stated that they had been removed because they were in poor condition and had already been replaced several times. After some discussion, it was decided that Don would get 200 more cards and Terri will have them laminated. Hopefully the laminated ones will last much longer.

Date of next meeting will be October 4th, at 6:30 pm. Due to All Saints Day and Election Day, Father Jacob recommended that the November meeting be held on either November 3rd or 10. A date will be set at the October meeting.

**Adjournment:** Jeanne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Robin seconded.

**Closing Prayer:** Terri Mounce