

Fundraising Committee Meeting # 8 - Feb. 5, 2026

Members Present: David Ehler, Jean Darby, Martha Jeffcoat, Felipe Pacheco, Father John, Eugene Holub, Tim Kelty and Pete and Nancy Zenner. **Members Absent:** Benito Costilla, Candelaria Escobar, Julia Cardona, Erika Rivera, Zeneida Kelley, and Kenny Svrcek.

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 7:04 PM by Pete Zenner. David Ehler made a motion that we accept the corrected minutes from last meeting and Eugene Holub seconded the motion. Corrected minutes were approved as written.

Committee reports were given.

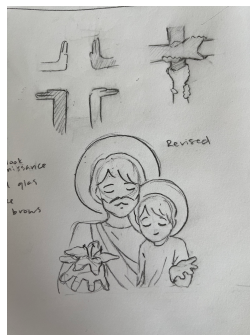
Raffle - co-chair, David Ehler, passed out a sample raffle ticket for the members present to preview and check for mistakes. Felipe Pacheco gave input on correct spelling and wording for donation from Guadalupe group. David had checked with The Rockdale Reporter and they no longer print tickets. Main Printing, who David had initially gotten a quote from, will print tickets. We discussed giving a prize to the top ticket seller, as well as contacting churches in the area to see if we could sell raffle tickets before or after masses. Nancy said that she had discussed our raffle with friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Jarrell and several of their parishioners wanted to purchase tickets. Because of the size of the gift card prizes and with the possibility of going and selling tickets at other parishes, we discussed whether we should have more than 2500 tickets printed. Nancy made a motion that we print 3,000 tickets and Eugene seconded that motion. All those present were in favor of this motion. Nancy asked David if he had a format of the form for keeping records so Lauren Williams could start preparing that. After discussion, Eugene Holub volunteered to work with David to create the computer spreadsheet to keep up with raffle ticket disbursement as well as monies turned in. Once tickets are printed we will need to divide the tickets in groups of ten (10) for the envelopes to distribute to parishioners. Tickets do not need to be stapled. Maria Santellano came in to our meeting and she was asked about printing labels - two for each parish family that had their names and a contact phone number - these would be printed from the updated list of 2026 Registration forms. Nancy stated that there were many parishioners that have yet to complete a new registration form. She has gone through the

2020 directory and written down names of parishioners that remain active and have yet to register. She also got a list of the current RE students from Bonnie Holub and is compiling a list of families/catechists that have not completed the new registration form. It was decided that we would meet along side the Finance/Records committee on Sunday, Feb. 15th @ 2 PM in the RE building. David has already purchased a box of 500 envelopes and is looking for a file box system for putting the envelopes in that is alphabetized. We tabled discussion for what the prize would be for the parishioner that sells the most tickets. Nancy asked Father when we should reach out to adjacent parishes to see if they would allow us to sell raffle tickets and he suggested that we do that in March.

Finance/Records - Benito was unable to attend but has a meeting scheduled on 2/15/26.

Auction - Benito was not present but had indicated in his text message that he has developed an XL spreadsheet list of potential donors. He plans on reaching out to volunteers who have signed up at the church exit. He will then schedule a large group meeting to train volunteers on approaching potential donors, delivering letters (which we have 85 copies made) and filling out and submitting necessary forms. Otherwise nothing new to report.

Publicity -



Nancy & Eugene presented a picture on the TV of the first draft of a logo for the St Joseph Mayfest created by Marianna Costilla. Eugene also showed the initial sketches that she did with joined hands making a cross and Nancy stated that she had requested that she do one with joining hands and maybe a logo about joining hands to do God's work. Father John suggested that we make the following

suggestions to Marianna on the present logo - darker skin tone and hair color for Joseph and Jesus (Middle Eastern). We had stated that we had asked for there to be some color in the flowers. Father said white lilies are most associated with St. Joseph, the worker, and you might add some bluebonnets since we're in Texas. Also move flowers within the circle and

put some carpenter tools on the border such as hammer and saw. Father said that St Joseph should also have a gold halo behind his head. Eugene suggested that we put in small script Est.1880, but as I reflect on that the St Joseph Mayfest has not been going on for that long but the church has. We asked for input from the committee for any other ideas that they might have. We hope to have 2-3 different logos to choose from. Nancy has the completed letters for volunteers to give to potential donors when we start our visits with businesses. Maria asked Nancy to create a form for a tax deduction receipt for any monies or items donated. Nancy used a format that she had from another organization and sent a copy of that to Benito, Father John, Eugene and Pete to preview. Benito, Eugene and Pete says it looked good. I have yet to get feedback from Father John but the form was passed around to members present and there were no changes suggested. (See form included in the email with minutes). Tim Kelty mentioned that he might set up a table outside of Walmart to sell raffle tickets and asked if we had some type of banner that we could put on a table showing St Joseph Mayfest - Nancy stated that we don't presently have one but would check into the cost of having one made through Rockdale Signs & Photography. Nancy stated that they had not yet made contact with radio stations, TV or the Rockdale Reporter to set up ways to get the word out about the festival and publicize it. Tim Kelty has a weekly talk on the radio and will be glad to help promote it and Benito had mentioned at the last meeting that he was willing to be interviewed. Pete also reminded us that he had contacted the Director at the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce and she will be more than happy to help us get the word out. Nancy stated that she had gone to Rockdale Signs & Photography and showed them a picture of the old banner that had hung across Highway 79. In order to determine if they could remove or cover the BBQ, they asked that I bring in the banner for them to see. Tim Kelty stated that he didn't think we would be able to attach it across the highway as some poles had been removed and the Fair Association tried for months to put a sign across the road, and were not successful. It was discussed that maybe we could put the banner on the street side of our property or place it somewhere in town on the West side for people to see, coming into town. Nancy stated possibly at Banda's since the business owner is a parishioner.

Entertainment - neither co-chair was present but Nancy stated that she had asked Erika and Julia to contact Donna Sexton, who works at West ISD- ds Sexton@westisd.net) and see if they would even be available on May

3rd. I do not know if she has been contacted at this time. I did see Julia at the church office yesterday afternoon and she wasn't sure if she would be at the meeting. She stated that the person that does the car show is already booked every weekend for the entire month of May and you need to schedule about a year in advance. One of the dancing groups is available and she has not heard back from the other group yet. Eugene reminded those of us present, that he is a member of the Communities in Concert Band, based in Rockdale and they would probably be happy to provide entertainment for a minimal fee, if any. It was suggested that he reach out to the other members and see who would be available and willing to play for the festival and if there would be a charge.

Games - Martha said that she and Jean will set up a time to meet with Dwayne David or someone from KC's to help them look over items that were previously used for games to see what needs to be repaired or replaced or made.

Meal - Neither Dwayne or Candelaria was present. Dwayne told Pete that he had checked on prices for chicken from Ruffino's and gotten the following bid: for medium thigh/leg chicken quarters, they sold for \$0.69/lb. And there were approximately 38 - 42 per case. He asked that Brenda Gonzalez have her mom check of what her price with her discount would be getting them from HEB in Taylor. After meeting, Nancy sent a text message to Brenda Gonzalez to ask if she would have her mom get a quote.

Risk Management/Security - Pete stated that he had called to contact the persons at the Diocese but he left a voicemail and left a message for them to call him back. At the time of the meeting, he had not heard back. Tim Kelty, our risk manager, will also reach out to them to try and get information. Apparently event insurance is obtained through the Diocese. We discussed information to ask such as any games or activities that would cause our insurance costs to be much higher, the sell of alcohol using the KC's liquor license, etc.

Old Business - Raffle clipboards have been removed from the narthex. Co-chairs need to check sign ups on clip boards in church to see if any new people have signed up to help and reach out to them and invite them to attend your committee meetings. Clipboards were available for them to check.

New Business - At next meeting set up a time schedule for the event and for having major components of planning completed. Examples: selecting a logo; meal menu and pricing of meals; time frame for securing donations and where to store them; securing insurance from the Diocese, publicizing event on radio, TV, newspaper and Chamber of Commerce,

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Pete and Tim contact Diocese about risk management questions.
- 2) Nancy and Eugene update Marianna on changes of present logo project and suggest others. Get quote from Rockdale Signs & Photography for creating a table banner, using said logo.
- 3) Dwayne - Compare prices for chicken from Ruffinos/ and price from HEB through Brenda Gonzalez's mom. Get prices on sausage to get an idea of our cost for a plate so we can set plate cost. Finalize menu.
- 4) Martha and Jean - get with KC members to look at items for games booths and see what needs to be repaired or what additional items need to be built. Start list of what items (with prices) they would like to purchase and what we can ask parishioners to donate.
- 5) Erika and Julia - get back in touch with Donna Sexton about availability for Czech dancers and times for performance and donation cost if they are available. Set up an entertainment schedule with performers and times.
- 6) David and Felipe - Get tickets printed and search for alphabetized divided containers to put tickets in with the help of Nancy. Get volunteers to help with stuffing envelopes and keeping accurate records on Feb. 15, 2026 @ 2 PM at church RE building. Set up list for volunteers to help before and after masses on Feb. 22 to pass out tickets to parishioners.
- 7) Benito - create spreadsheet for committee members to sign up for which businesses they will contact for auction item donations. From last meeting - check past records of number of plates sold at previous festivals.
- 8) Nancy - talk to Maria about having labels printed for envelopes - two labels per family that include Names and a good contact #. Need before Feb. 15th.
- 9) Pete/Kenny - make arrangements to have security personnel at festival and submit form for their costs.

10) Eugene reach out to other members of Communities in Concert to check if they were available and if there would be a fee.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026 @7 PM after mass, in the RE building. Father John led us in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Submitted by Nancy Zenner