

Minutes of 7/29/26 Parish Council Meeting

- PPC Members in attendance: Mimi Madrid, Gail Graham, Martha Zamorano, Jeff Cardell, Jean Mense, Orlando Cruz, Alex Miniell and Father Ignacio.

Opened with prayer by Mimi

Pastoral Council Strategic Initiatives:

- **Increasing Council Participation & Bylaws**

Seven council candidates have been received. Three interviews were conducted last weekend by Father Juan, Mimi Madrid and Stephen Sheahan. All three candidates were excellent and the three candidates will be invited to attend the August Council Meeting. Four additional interviews have been scheduled for August 22. We can expand the Council to 14 people plus the pastor. A discussion followed regarding the need for representation from the Hispanic community. Alex and Martha suggested three names and will reach out to them to determine if they are willing to serve.

Mimi talked about the transitioning of existing members to new members and is concerned that not everyone leaves at one time and adequate time is used to train replacements. She has asked for all existing council members to notify her of their target departure date.

- **Supporting STA Ministries**

Jeff and Jean reported Stephen is taking the lead on the outline for the Ministry Leader workshop on September 26. The presentation will be on Fostering Discipleship: A Ministry Leader's Workshop. The objective is to enable ministry leaders to identify key elements of discipleship, separate the operational and strategic elements of their ministry, assess their ministry's preparedness to support their members on their discipleship journey and develop a plan to foster and sustain discipleship growth within their ministry. The council is concerned we may be trying to get too much into a 2 hour timeframe and we need to insure it's on a level that is actionable. Alex and Martha are very concerned about the translations for the Hispanic community.

Jeff and Jean will meet with Stephen regarding the council concerns and include Alex and Martha on future Zoom calls discussing the presentation.

The rooms have been reserved for the workshop and an email should go out to ministry leaders around September 1 with a follow up on September 15 for them to RSVP. Jean will handle the refreshments and lunch arrangements and insure the check in table is staffed and equipped with name tags, etc. .

- **Encouraging & Increasing Communication**

Regarding the Parish Registration Form and list of ministries, Martha will be proceeding with keeping those separate. Jean spoke to Rodney about updating the ministry part of the STA.org site. He has already updated the order of the ministry categories. The next step is to insure the ministries are all represented with their descriptions and contact information. From that Rodney can create a PDF for to use as a handout of the list of ministries available. In the

meantime Martha will provide a list of the ministry names to the New Parishoners and encourage them to go to STA.org for more information.

- Initiating outreach to PC's @other parishes

No update this month.

- Partnering with Faith Formation

The pilgrimage to St. Francis in Blairsville was well received. It was a sold out event attended by 56 pilgrims.

- Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 10 (rain date of October 17). Rosario is working on the group to lead the event. She has met with the Young Adults Group and reviewed the procedure book created by Kathy.

Pastors Update

Gail introduced Father Ignacio to the Parish Council. He will be at the parish on weekends and Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Gail reported that the Alpharetta City Council has approved the Columbarium.

Upcoming Dates

Newcomers Brunch - October 25

Mimi stated that the next meeting will be August 19.

End with Prayer led by Father Ignacio.