

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

Connie Ramos, Council chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:02. Jackie Schiedler gave the opening prayer.

Members present: Connie Ramos, Estrella Brown, Ron Haley, Jackie Schiedler, Jewel Lee. Suzie Breeden also present to represent St. John the Baptist Mission. Ex-officio: Fr. Mark Gikenyi, Deacon Paul Cramer

Estrella read the minutes. Father asked that item #1 under "Other items of business" be removed from the Nov. 12, 2022, Joint Parish Council minutes. Any items dealing with the discussion of major purchases for SJB will be discussed by their council members during their meetings. The minutes were M/S/P. (Connie/Jackie)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Feb. 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday. Lenten donation cups will be made available on Feb. 18 and 19 after Mass.
2. Soup suppers will be planned during Lent after Stations of the Cross which will be every Friday evening at 6:00. Deacon Paul will be saying the Stations for NBVM and Father will be at SJB. A sign-up sheet will be provided.
3. Ash Wednesday NBVM 11:00 SJB 6:00
4. Easter Services- place and time
 - 4/6 Holy Thursday NBVM 6:00
 - 4/7 Good Friday NBVM 6:00 SJB 3:00
 - 4/8 Easter Vigil NBVM 8:00
 - 4/9 Easter Sunday NBVM 9:00 SJB 11:15
5. Palms and candles have been ordered.
6. Confessions: Father will set up the date and times later.
7. Fr. Jack Mosbrucker will be covering for Father while he is visiting his family in Kenya. It was M/S/P that Ron Haley and Deacon Paul be reimbursed for providing groceries and meals for Father Jack.
8. A CD for the Respond and Acclaim book will be purchased. Jewel will talk to Brenda Plourde about buying 2. One will be kept in the office.
9. SJB will be responsible for approving their own major purchases for their parish. Some items like candles, hosts, wine, etc. will still be purchased through NBVM.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Connie brought information on an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that we can purchase for the parish. It is a Philips HeartStart OnSite AED. The cost is \$1,875.00. The parish will need two: one for the church and one for the hall. These items may be purchased with the help of the SAFETY GRANT that the Archdiocese offers every year.
2. Ron will work on the web site for our parish.
3. Father brought up the idea of having retreats for our parish and mission. They do not necessarily have to happen during the Advent and Lent seasons. Connie will contact Monsignor O'Connor about future dates for retreats and topics.
4. The Finance Council has finished many projects for the parish: roof on the hall, work on the basement. They will continue to identify other projects that need to be completed.

5. Deacon will place an announcement in the bulletin dealing with scam texts from people claiming to be Father Mark.
6. Father would like the church cleaned before Father Jack comes. He also talked about having the church cleaned more often.
7. Father will set up Adoration on Sundays during Lent at 3:00.
8. A special thank you went out to the Collection Ministry for all of their work every Monday counting money---Carol Chesebro, Jewel Lee, Anne Greer, Gloria Johnson, Estrella Brown. They can still use volunteers.

Next meetings

1. Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: Sat. March 11, 2:00 NBVM
2. NBVM Council Meeting: Sat, March 25, 2:00
3. SJB Council Meeting: Sun. March 26, 12:30

Connie will present the opening prayers for the next two meetings.

Father said the closing prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Estrella Brown

Addendum to minutes:

- 1. 02/01/2023. I did some research while typing the minutes, and found out that we can send in an application for the Grant by March 13, 2023. I emailed council members all of the information so that they can look at it.**
- 2. 02/05/2023- A council meeting was held after Mass. It was M/S/P that we purchase the AED's and that the application for the Safety Grant be sent in. The following will also be included in the grant proposal: brackets for both AED's and a CPR/AED/FIRST AID CLASSES offered to interested parishioners and be paid by NBVM**
- 3. 02/07/2023- I called around to a few places about hands-on-classes. They ranged from \$40-\$60 and most of them were on-line or involved traveling (Warrenton, Hillsboro). One said that he could come out to the church and conduct the class at \$50.00 per person, maximum 10) No written exam. There is a test where he observes our skills but we won't even know that it is happening. All participants will receive a "Heartsaver CPR, AED and First Aid for Adults, Children, and Infants certification. All materials will be provided: a reference guide, training CPR masks and a key-chain pocket mask. Those taking the class must be able to do compression which takes a little bit of strength to accomplish
length of class: 3-3 ½ hours.**

I told Justin that I would get back to him after we get approval for the grant which won't be until the middle or end of March. Justin Roberts, Wahkiakum Fire District #4/Cathlamet Fire Department, Firefighter-EMT, AHA CPR Instructor