

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM in Conference Room

Status	Title	Name
P	Pastor	Fr. Sunny Punnakuziyil
P	Parochial Vicar	Fr. Noble Dominic Ambalathuruthel
P	Chair	Carlos Alarcon
P	Secretary	Aimee Minton
P	At-Large	Jim Curtiss
P	At-Large	Andrew Dantzer
P	At-Large	Creighton Deasy
P	At-Large	Wendy Guillory
P	At-Large	Sean Janargin
P	At-Large	Ric Kohrumel
P	At-Large	David Navarro
P	Stewardship Committee and Staff Representative	Deacon Mike Hayward
P	Finance Council Representative	Larry Hoffman

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 pm Chair

- II. Opening Prayer Father Sunny

- III. Word From the Chair Carlos Alarcon
Introduction of new pastoral council members.

- IV. Minutes from the August 21, 2024 meeting Aimee Minton
Motion to Approve Chair
Comments and/or discussion then Second/Vote
August 21, 2024 minutes voted on and approved.

- V. Chair-Elect and Secretary Election Carlos Alarcon

Propose Creighton Deasy for the chair-elect position. Motion made and approved for Creighton Deasy to be chair-elect for 2024-25 and Aimee Minton to be secretary.

VI. New Business

a. Parish Fall Festival is this Saturday, September 21st. Father Sunny and Deacon Mike Hayward members join the activities with their name tags to mingle with the parishioners. New for this year, the festival will include up to 30 parish members selling arts and crafts items.

b. Finance reports that there is \$1.2 million in the parish endowment fund. This fund is used for ongoing repairs and maintenance of the parish and the columbarium.

VII. Continuing Business:

a. Latino Community Update

Dave Navarro

Membership is growing and the ministries had a meeting to report on their activities since May. Activity highlights include:

Cinco de Mayo raised funds to support the Lady of Guadalupe festivities in December.

Our Lady of Fatima event on May 13 was well attended and bi-lingual.

Discussion of a possible new Latino youth group being formed for youth aged 12-17 that do not speak English. However, there is agreement that most of the youth do speak English and in that case, these youth should attend the existing youth programs in place.

Other events were the May 18 Pentecost Vigil and the June 2 Corpus Christi event.

July 5 Youth Day event and Christ Life Sharing Christ classes started for the Latino community on Tuesday evenings.

August 23-25 Servants of Christ for Women Retreat was well attended.

Servants of Christ Men's Group to sell food on the 15th of September to raise money for their upcoming annual retreat on September 27-29.

b. Evangelization Update

Deacon Mike Hayward

There will be follow up activities after the end of the Sharing Christ Christ Life series. There has been an 80% retention rate of participants with 70 English and 30 Spanish participants. The Christ Life 3-part series will begin again in 2025.

c. Parish data base to track time/talent/treasure

Creighton Deasy

Sample of spreadsheet shown that would organize the data about our parishioners.

Deacon Mike Hayward explained that we have a questionnaire on the new parishioner welcome packet that asks about interests, skills and needs. Creighton and Mike to work together create a plan on how to collect and input the information into a spreadsheet. Creighton will report at the October meeting.

d. St. Paul Street Evangelization Update

Ric Kohrumel

Participated in ministry fair at St. Marguerite and found 4 new members for this ministry. First training session on this ministry held on September 14. The SPSE ministry will be evangelizing at local colleges over the next few months.

e. Review parish bulletin of another local parish for comparison to Saint John Neumann bulletin. Noted was their use of many pictures of parishioners and the large calendar. Idea to change the format of the bulletin to attract attention.

f. Wednesday, September 25 Safety and Security Ministry meeting to discuss safety procedure and awareness with Jen Teracino. Future meeting with City of Lilburn police to train on security and situational awareness. Successful fire inspection last week with the Gwinnett County Deputy Fire Marshall Ron Johnson with a few minor changes made per his suggestion.

VIII. Comments/Questions from the Members

Chair

IX. Next Meeting: October 16, 2024

Aimee Minton

X. Closing Prayer

Father Noble

XI. Adjournment at 8:02 pm

Chair