

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting May 9, 2016



In Attendance

Fr. Dave, Bob Yap, Jess Yap, Lee, Samantha, Kathy Coyne, Maryanne, Neil Dennehy, Jeff Kress, joe Licek, Fr. Rojin , Missy Ely.

The Council presented Maryanne with flowers and congratulated her on her move to her new home.

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Election Update

161 votes, were cast, to be counted after meeting.

Council congratulated Samantha and committee on a job well done. Jeff and Joe told stories of a few difficulties voters had.

The Committee members will call winners, Fr. Dave will send a letter to those who did not win.

Pastor's Report

On May 6, 29 parishes received Disciple Maker Index reports.

Fr. Rojin summarized the report for St. Jerome:

- It was felt that our parish responded sincerely.
- 79% parish would strongly recommend us to others, 15% would not recommend us
- Spiritual growth was lower but still above diocesan average
- Sunday Mass lower but again well above diocesan average
- Preaching slightly below highest but much higher than diocesan average
- Personal Witness Story, diocese overall low but we came in 3rd
- Shared personal witness story very low.
- Catholic journey mixed different goals. Many opinions were that this was a confusing statistic.
- Spiritual Growth very strong.
- Invited someone to mass was very low but typical of diocese.
- Cross section by age shows out of 394 only 24 below age 35 responded.

In all, statistically above diocesan average except in scripture belief.

On May 18 and 19 planning group will meet in diocese center to review results. Based on meetings parish needs to develop a pastoral plan due in September.

According to Bishop Caggiano, in 2018/19 diocese will introduce a major capital campaign with 50% of funds to go back to the parish. It may replace the Bishops Appeal.

Other Business

Jack gave update on parish app.

Lee asked for support from council on raffle dinner.

Fr Dave gave a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O'Melia

Pastoral Council Secretary