

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting June 13, 2016



In Attendance

Fr. Dave, Bob Yap, Jess Yap, Lee Larchevesque, Kathy Coyne, Neil Dennehy, Jeff Kress, Joe Licek, Fr. Rojin, Missy Ely, Jack O'Melia, Bob Olson, Maria Granata, Carol Oustafine, Jennifer Romano, Jay Fusci, Maureen McElaney, Nicole Tobin.

Jack led the council in prayer.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved.

Fr. Dave welcomed and introduced the new members to the council.

The council expressed thanks to the Election Committee for their work in the elections, as well as to the departing members for their service.

Elections were held for new officers:

Bob Yap was re-elected Chairman.

Lee Larchevesque was elected Vice Chairman.

Carol Oustafine was elected Secretary.

Raffle Recap

884 tickets sold, \$26,000-27,000 raised for the parish.

Lee recounted the great food as well as the great work by all the volunteers.

The council expressed its appreciation to Lee for organizing and managing the event.

Missy Ely will take over the running of the raffle in 2017 from Karen Christiansen and John Kuczo.

Pastor's Report

The Pastoral Planning committee (Fr. Dave, Fr. Rojin, Missy Ely, Joe O'Callaghan, Jr., Kathy Coyne, Dan Loch) attended two evening sessions in Bridgeport for help in interpreting the results. These sessions put St. Jerome in a better light than originally thought. For most metrics, the parish was compared to the top three parishes. This was originally thought to be the top three in the diocese but was actually the top three nationally.

St. Jerome's fared very well in all categories except one, sharing their personal witness stories, while we placed #3 nationally in helping parishioners grow in their relationship with God.

Fr. Dave recapped the findings of the Disciple Maker Index report. In most we scored very well nationally, at the least above the diocesan average except in the belief in Scripture as the Word of God.

The survey confirms we have a great parish.

The Pastoral Planning Committee will work over the summer on a pastoral plan.

There was a discussion as to whether these results should be published on the web site and it was decided to wait until the Pastoral Plan was in place.

Other Business

Jack gave update on parish app and web site.

Fr. Dave asked the council to think about possible solutions for families in mass with disruptive children, to be discussed in the fall when the council returns.

Fr Rojin gave a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O'Melia

Pastoral Council Secretary
Special Envoy to the Council
Sargent at Arms