

**St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting  
Monday, September 17, 2018 Minutes**

Silvia Abularach	David DeSalle (Secretary)	Sally McClean
Michelle Aldridge	Mark Dirlam	Jim O'Donnell
Larry Boesch	Joe Feyder	John Piernikowski (Chairman)
Jane Coburn	Daniel Flores	
Jim Damron	Liam Kelly	Fr. Michael Salah (Pastor)
	Janet Leonard-Walker	Fr. David Wells (Parochial Vicar)

1. Opening prayer – *Mark 9:30-37*
2. Approval of May Minutes -- approved
3. Election of Officers –Chairman Piernikowski, Vice Chairman Sachs, and Secretary DeSalle unanimously reconfirmed
4. Reports Q&A – ***NOTE: All who present reports at the Council meeting should now distribute your reports in advance and we will simply discuss any questions you have at the meeting.*** [School: Congratulations to Teri Dwyer, ADW Principal of the Year!; Finance: Parish debt has been retired and second collection for education building will be eliminated]

Discussions:

5. Old Business Follow-Up:
  - a. None
6. New business:
  - a. Parish Picnic (September 30<sup>th</sup>) – John Piernikowski (2-5pm with volunteer set-up/cooking/serving and breakdown 8am-6pm; Council volunteers joining variety of parish groups supporting traditionally well-attended and well-run event; Children’s activities hour 2:30-3:30pm; \$5 individuals/\$20 families and volunteers free)
  - b. Coffee and Donuts (February 10<sup>th</sup>) – John Piernikowski (Council members volunteering for 8am, 10am, and 11:30am Masses)
  - c. Request for another retired priest – John Piernikowski (Fr. Tom Morrow moving into rectory this week)
  - d. Town Hall meeting open to all parishioners – Fr. Salah (Friday, Sept. 21 7pm Mass followed by professional counselor and parish and school staff-led discussions regarding recent Church scandals, history of local parish and archdiocesan measures to promote personal safety and security and review of current procedures; small group discussions)
  - e. Parishioner Issue – John Piernikowski (discussion of concerns regarding need for reverent atmosphere before Mass and more frequent use of traditional hymns and Gregorian chants during Mass; request for Council members to informally poll parishioners on these issues to solicit additional feedback)
7. Other Items? (Parking lot LED lights successfully installed; Church lights being reevaluated for light quality issues; signage at Dunster Road/Falls Chapel intersection; drainage at new sidewalk)
8. Next meeting – October 15, 2018: new start time 7PM
9. Closing Prayer