

**St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2017 Minutes**

Michelle Aldridge	David DeSalle (Secretary)	Jim O'Donnell
Larry Boesch		Cecilia Olivia
Caitlin Chang	Teri Dwyer	John Piernikowski (Chairman)
Jane Coburn	Dick Jasinski	Karen Sachs (Vice Chairman)
Craig Correa	Janet Leonard-Walker	Fr. Michael Salah (Pastor)
Jim Damron	Sally McClean	Fr. David Wells (Parochial Vicar)

1. Opening prayer – Mt. 22:15-21
2. Approval of September Minutes: Approved; posted to parish website
3. Pastor's Remarks: LED lights update-rectory and office completed; telephone system and landscaping/snow removal bids pending; upcoming parish financial report; Finance committee representative invited to upcoming Council meeting
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.***

Discussions:

5. Old Business Follow-Up:
 - a. Choir (Paid versus Volunteer) Jim Damron: report given; Director of Music Ministries Vince Natali to be invited to future meeting to talk about music ministry; informal polling among congregation for opinions and feedback
6. New business:
 - a. Parish Picnic Wrap-Up: successful event but lower headcount; more advertising within parish discussed
 - b. Placement of the Lord of Miracles Statue in the church by the Spanish Council – Ceci Oliva: council adjourned at end of meeting to review and discuss statue placement in main church; decided to keep in the baptismal font area
 - c. Divine Mercy Picture of Jesus in Church – Fr. Salah: request discussed
 - d. Organizational Chart for St. Raphael's – Sally McClean: discussion of parish social justice engagement and advocacy and implementation of ADW initiatives
 - e. Montgomery County Voices from the Holy Land Film Series – Sally McClean: series presented
 - f. Elimination of Second Collections – Janet Leonard-Walker: discussion and explanation of parish historical practices, ADW's expectations, practices at other parishes, possible upcoming tithing initiative
 - g. Parish Logo – Dick Jasinski: to be studied
 - h. Plans for December Meeting: December 4th social meeting
7. Other Items?
8. Next meeting – November 20th at 7:30 PM
9. Closing Prayer