

Summary of Parish Council Minutes for November 13, 2018, Meeting

1. **Opening Prayer** – Father Claudio Stewart led the opening prayer.
2. **Roll Call** – Excused John Paul Heston and Jim McGann.
3. **Approval of minutes** – Moved Darlyne Devaney; 2nd, Karen Hecker – approval unanimous.
4. **Old Business:**
 - **President's Report** – Kevin Murphy proposed Piedad Sarmiento for a 2nd term – unanimous approval. Proposed Judy Pounds for 2nd term as President – unanimous approval; Proposed Piedad Sarmiento for Vice-President– unanimous approval. Judy Pounds commended Piedad & her committee for 1st International Food Festival.
 - **Finance Report** – Betty Partridge reported offertory down for 1st quarter – should pick up with return of winter residents. A printed comparative report was furnished to Council members. Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) on course to meet 2018 goal of \$111,000. Samaritan Touch received \$5,000 from interest on DOV investment account
 - **Religious Education Report** – 251 enrolled in School of Religion to date. Enrollment picks up with return of Hispanics. The Youth spaghetti dinner was a success. Fall Festival attended by 300 – 400 kids and many adults. 28 young parishioners confirmed October 22 by Bishop Dewayne. Compliments to instructors Travis and Dawn Crosson. K of C provided Honor Guard; Women's Guild provided reception. All Junior High and High School students present at Rosary in October. Each student received a Rosary blest by Bishop Dewayne. 40 young people attended Annual Diocesan Youth Rally. Annual children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 16, at 7 p.m. in Grogan Center
 - **Building and Grounds** – The installation of new carpet for Church placed on hold as was discussion on construction of new storage bldg. Dennis Kellner will remain as chair of this committee. Dennis will serve as traffic chair for Guadalupe Festival Dec.12
 - **Community Life** – Karen Hecker reported on Church Service Center: averaging 400 families per month. Meals on Wheels averages 30 meals delivered every day.
 - **Hispanic Ministry** – Piedad Sarmiento reported that the 1st annual International Food Festival was a huge success. Great participation by all ministries and supported by parishioners. Piedad thanked everyone for their help. Next big event is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Teresa Torres will be in charge of Liturgy.
 - **K of C** – K of C provided complimentary breakfast for children for the opening of the school of religion September 16; is serving breakfast 1st Sunday of each month; is sponsoring Baby Bottle Campaign for Respect Life Month in October. Proceeds go to "Choices," a interchurch pregnancy care center in Avon Park.
 - **Women's Guild** – 16 new members signed up at luncheon for new members. Next event is spaghetti dinner November 12. 1st meeting was in October – good attendance
 - **Social Committee** – 10th Annual Valentine's dinner-dance in Grogan Center Feb 16, 2019, with Cal. Toe Jam Band, & Parish Golf Tournament at Pinecrest G.C. March 12.
 - **Next Parish Council meeting** – Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6 p.m., Grogan Center.
 - **Adjournment and closing prayer** – Father Claudio Stewart.