

The meeting was opened at 7PM. Present were Raquel Isaza, Christine Kemp, John Kemp, Annemarie Leyden, Senen Martinez, Ann Smyth, Eleanor Petty, Alexander Rosado and Father Kevin Abels. John Hinchin made a presentation on the mission and activities of the Care for Creation ministry. Tom is working on an action plan for the parish to be initiated in January 2023. There will be a coffeepot Sunday on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Father Kevin spoke about the new office person, Sylvia Mazza, and the new hours. He announced the appointment Ann Smyth as the pastoral assistant for the parish. The finance committee met. The collapsed sewers will cost about \$25,000 to repair. The sound system should be installed by Christmas. The house has been cleaned out and will allow for religious education classes to be held there. Father sees the parish council as "an advisory committee and the eyes and ears" for him in the parish. The organ may need tuning and/or repairs. Sometimes grants are available for this. Pergalo used to do work on the organ. Sergio is leaving December 31<sup>st</sup>, and two people will act as a search committee and interview potential replacements.

The parish council continues to pool information to keep the parish united. The 2023 Mardi Gras International Pot Luck Dinner was discussed but no plans were made. Some annual events should be handled by volunteers. Only around 200 parishioners attend Mass. Membership must be increased. The mailing of donation envelopes will be reinstated. There will be a re-registration survey. Alex presented a suggested format. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Vivian and Amanda are planning for this event. It is not known at this time if a priest will be needed.

The renovation of the Sacristy is a special project. The reconciliation room may need to be moved further back and cabinets replaced. A chair lift is needed to assist parishioners in getting to the lower floor. The sewer replacement is an unexpected large cost item. Photo shoots have raised money for the Church. We may want to illuminate the cross on the exterior of the church.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.