



Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting

January 9, 2018

7:04 p.m. Meeting called to order by Interim Pastoral Chair, Cathy Duran. Opening prayer by Father Alonzo Garcia.

Roll call is taken and the following members are present:

Father Alonzo Garcia	Martin Espinoza	Johnny Ruiz
Deacon Pat Abiles	Flora Flores	Lupe Rodriguez
Mary Akers	Jesse Gonzales	Susan Ruiz
Danny Baeza	Mary Lou Martinez	Jerry Sipes
Cathy Duran	Yolanda Leos	

Members not present:

Patty Baeza	Elizabeth Flores-exc	Margie Ruiz-exc
Patricia Bosworth	Andrew Rodriguez-exc	Marina Ruiz-exc
Dolores Espinoza	Anasylyvia Rosel-exc	Paul Rodriguez

Guests present: Alicia Bandala, Connie Abiles, Donna Scanio

A quorum is established and meeting proceeds.

APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR: None

Father Garcia and several parish council members share their memories of Mary Jane Damron and express how she was always willing to help out wherever she could.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Deacon Pat moves to approve the Pastoral Council Minutes of November 14, 2017, Mary Lou Martinez seconds the motion, motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **EVANGELIZATION**-nothing new to report
- B. **CHURCH BAZAAR**-report submitted
Cathy Duran advises that the Bazaar committee will hold an appreciation dinner for those that helped with the Bazaar on January 20 at 6:00 p.m.; the Altar Society will provide cookies.

- C. **FELLOWSHIP**- report submitted
- D. **MAINTENANCE**- nothing new to report
- E. **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**- no report submitted
- F. **FIESTA QUEEN**- on hold
- G. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**- report submitted
- H. **ALTAR SOCIETY**- report submitted
- I. **LITURGY MINISTRY**- nothing new to report
- J. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**-
 Lupe Rodriguez reports that they have about forty confirmation students and that the March For Life will be held on January 20 in Tucson, AZ.
- K. **BINGO**- Father Garcia advises Bingo will resume on January 10, 2018 and that Candy Ramos will head Bingo. Donna Scanio requests that all committee heads contact their members for volunteers to help out in the kitchen; there can be split shifts to make it easier for people to help.
- L. **RESPECT FOR LIFE**- report submitted
- M. **FINANCIAL**- nothing new to report
- N. **COMPLIANCE**- nothing new to report
- O. **YOUTH GROUP**- **Suspended**
- P. **MUSIC/CHOIR**- report submitted
- Q. **ALTAR SERVERS**- report submitted
- R. **CURSILLO**- report submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ADOPT A STREET FOLLOW UP-

The council discusses the street options that are available and would provide the most exposure for St. Helen. Jerry Sipes moves to adopt the road near Love's, Deacon Pat seconds the motion, motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PASTOR'S REPORT-

Father thanks everyone for their hard work and willingness to help out the parish and move it forward. Father states we need to reach out to other people. He also advises that the grant for the painting of the interior of the church has been submitted; the pews will need to be replaced and that the parish is doing well at this time.

B. SEATING OF CATHY DURAN AS PASTORAL CHAIR-

Deacon Pat moves to seat Cathy Duran as interim pastoral council chair to finish out the term of Mary Jane Damron, Susan Ruiz seconds the motion, motion passes. Discussion of the council members as to who will fill the position of vice-chair. A motion is made to nominate Dolores Espinoza as vice-chair, contingent upon her acceptance of the position, and the matter will be brought up at the next council meeting.

C. WELCOME OF BISHOP EDWARD WIESENBURGER, JANUARY 28, 2018

The council is advised that Bishop Wiesenburger will arrive at St. Helen's hall at 2:00 p.m. and will only be here for 30 minutes as he has other parishes to visit and all council members are encouraged to be present. Further discussion of the council as to possible entertainment and setting up posters of the various committees/ ministries of St. Helen. The council will provide light desserts, such as cookies, cupcakes, veggie trays, punch, etc.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Yolanda Leos advises more volunteers are needed for the Altar Society. Cathy Duran advises she will bring it up at the next Catholic Daughters of America meeting.

Johnny Ruiz states that the Bazaar committee has several open positions, Casino night will be held on February 2, and that Homebound is also in need of volunteers. Paul Duran, who has previously served as a homebound EMC, volunteers to return. Yolanda Leos also volunteers to help with homebound.

Mary Lou Martinez advises that Mary Jane Damron's spot on the EMC schedule will need to be covered by another EMC who is available at that particular Mass.

Father Garcia advises that a security protocol is being looked into, including security cameras for the inside and outside of the church. Jesse Gonzales advises that there have also been some incidents during the time Bingo is in session.

8:17 p.m. Father Alonzo Garcia moves to adjourn, Deacon Pat seconds the motion, motion passes. Closing prayer by Father Garcia, meeting adjourned.