



Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting

November 14, 2017

7:06 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pastoral Chair. Opening prayer by Deacon Pat Abiles.

Roll call is taken and the following members are present:

Deacon Pat Abiles	Flora Flores	Marina Ruiz
Patricia Bosworth	Jesse Gonzales	Lupe Rodriguez
Mary Jane Damron	Mary Lou Martinez	Susan Ruiz
Cathy Duran	Yolanda Leos	Paul Rodriguez
Dolores Espinoza	Johnny Ruiz	Jerry Sipes

Members not present:

Father Alonzo Garcia-exc	Patricia Baeza	Andrew Rodriguez-exc
Mary Akers-exc	Martin Espinoza	Anasylyvia Rosel
Danny Baeza	Elizabeth Flores	Margie Ruiz

Guests present: Alicia Bandala, Connie Abiles

A quorum is established and meeting proceeds.

APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jerry Sipes moves to approve the Pastoral Council Minutes of October 10, 2017, Johnny Ruiz seconds the motion, motion passes.

Pastoral Chair reminds all members that, per the Bylaws, they should attend the monthly meetings and advise the Pastoral Chair and the Secretary if they are going to be absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **EVANGELIZATION**-report submitted
- B. **CHURCH BAZAAR**-report submitted
- C. **FELLOWSHIP**- report submitted

D. MAINTENANCE-

Deacon Pat advises that there have been two estimates submitted for the painting of the church and that a grant will be requested for this project. Some of the pews will be replaced instead of repaired due to cost of repairs.

E. CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS- report submitted

F. FIESTA QUEEN- report submitted

G. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- report submitted

H. ALTAR SOCIETY- no report submitted

I. LITURGY MINISTRY- report submitted

J. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- report submitted

K. BINGO-

Deacon Pat advises that Bingo has been suspended until an evaluation can be completed to determine whether Bingo should continue. Father is also looking for someone to take over Bingo. Once that happens we will have to train and make sure they are in compliance before resuming. We will need to evaluate whether to continue as well.

L. RESPECT FOR LIFE- report submitted

M. FINANCIAL- report submitted

N. COMPLIANCE- report submitted

O. YOUTH GROUP- Suspended

P. MUSIC/CHOIR- report submitted

Q. CURSILLO- report submitted

Cathy Duran moves to approve the Committee Reports, Yolanda Leos seconds the motion, motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ADOPT A STREET FOLLOW UP-

This item shall be tabled until the January, 2018 meeting.

B. THANKSGIVING DINNER-NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Cathy Duran advises that everything is going well towards the dinner and we have everything that is needed. Paul Rodriguez and Johnny Ruiz will help deliver the meals as well as the Pinal Hispanic Council. CAHRA has donated 50 pounds of potatoes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PASTOR'S REPORT-

Father Alonzo has submitted his report in writing and Deacon Pat reads the report to the council. Deacon Pat advises the council that the Bazaar went very well.

B. DIABETES WORKSHOPS-

Pastoral Chair advises that Pinal/Gila will hold a series of workshops addressing diabetes commencing January 5, 2018 through February 9, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The deadline to register is December 29, 2017. The workshops will be sponsored by Saint Helen and will be held at the hall. A sign-up sheet will be in the office and a notice regarding these workshops will be added to the bulletin.

C. KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST-

Jerry Sipes presents information regarding a poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The contest will be divided by age groups and judged by a panel that will consist of Knights of Columbus members, secretaries, or teachers.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Johnny Ruiz suggested that the council should look into establishing a safety plan for the Parish due to the recent tragic events that have occurred in other churches. For example, we need to look into obtaining first aid kits, defibrillator unit, biohazard material cleanup, evacuation plans, and fire extinguishers. Deacon Pat moves to establish a safety and security program committee consisting of Willie Martinez, Dave Crane, Johnny Ruiz, Marina Ruiz, Angel Leos and Paul Duran. Mary Lou Martinez seconds the motion, motion passes.

Dolores Espinoza advises that the Altar Boys will be in the Electric Light Parade and asks for donations of lollipops with sticks, wood to make crosses, and clear lights. She would like these items as soon as possible or the week of the parade, which is December 9.

Catholic Daughters of America will be having a burrito booth at the Electric Light Parade, burritos will be red, green and bean.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2017 but Deacon Pat moves to bypass the December meeting and have the next meeting on January 9, 2018. Paul Rodriguez seconds the motion, motion passes and the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

8:25 p.m. Jerry Sipes moves to adjourn, Cathy Duran seconds the motion, motion passes. Closing prayer by Deacon Pat, meeting adjourned.