



Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting

February 13, 2018

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pastoral Chair. Opening prayer by Father Alonzo Garcia.

Roll call is taken and the following members are present:

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

Members not present:

Mary Akers-exc	Anasylyvia Rosel
Danny Baeza	Margie Ruiz
Andrew Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez

Guests present: Alicia Bandala, Connie Abiles

A quorum is established and meeting proceeds.

APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Flora Flores advises there is an addendum to the Minutes of January 9, 2018, Page 3, Call To Council, Paragraph 3 as follows:

“Johnny advises that he helped out with the 1st and 2nd graders in the Family of Faith program. He expressed his concern that the parents were still very confused about the program and that there are some questions regarding when the meetings should take place.”

Deacon Pat moves to approve the Pastoral Council Minutes of January 9, 2018 with the addendum, Mary Lou Martinez seconds the motion, motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- C. **FELLOWSHIP**- report submitted
- D. **MAINTENANCE**- nothing new to report
- E. **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**- report submitted
- F. **FIESTA QUEEN**- report submitted
- G. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**- report submitted

Jerry Sipes presents additional comments regarding the upcoming Substance Abuse contest (drugs and alcohol). A table will be set up at the Ministry Fair for the contest and for selling raffle tickets. The contest will run from February 17 to March 4, 2018.

- H. **ALTAR SOCIETY**- report submitted
- I. **LITURGY MINISTRY**- report submitted
- J. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**-

Lupe Rodriguez reports that Mary Akers is not currently teaching catechism due to a medical injury and states she is missed as she is a wonderful teacher.

- K. **BINGO**-

Pastoral Chair will contact Candy Ramos and invite her to the meetings.

- L. **RESPECT FOR LIFE**- nothing new
- M. **FINANCIAL**- report submitted

- N. **COMPLIANCE**-

Pastoral Chair advises that Patricia Bosworth is no longer the Compliance Officer and that David Crane has volunteered to take over that position once his training has been completed.

- O. **YOUTH GROUP**- **Suspended**

- P. **MUSIC/CHOIR**- report submitted

Marina proposes a couple of ideas that the Choir would like to do during Lent. One idea is to have a small box with slips of paper inside containing "kind deeds"; the child or adult attending Mass would pick out a slip from the box and would perform the "kind deed" that is written on the paper. Another idea is to have plastic toy soldier available at the Masses and ask parishioners to take them home to remind them to pray for our firefighters, soldiers, police, etc. Marina informs the council that Earth Day is April 22, 2018 and they will be having a plant sale.

- Q. **ALTAR SERVERS**- report submitted

- R. **CURSILLO**- report submitted

Mary Lou Martinez moves to approve the Committee reports, Lupe Rodriguez seconds the motion, motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **ADOPT A STREET FOLLOW UP**-

Pastoral Chair advises that the street the council approved to adopt at the last meeting has already been taken. There is discussion regarding adopting a highway billboard but the council is told that can be very expensive. **This item will be tabled until the next meeting.**

B. UPDATE ON SECURITY-

Deacon Pat presents an overview of the proposed security for St. Helen's including installation of cameras, monitor screens in the office to be viewed during scheduled events at the church; and training of ushers regarding security. Deacon Pat proposes that the Knights of Columbus help with these programs. He further advises that we will be acquiring a defibrillator, installing a deadbolt on the choir door and on the door that leads to the sacristy. A training session will be held on February 20, 2018 in Tucson on how to stop bleeding. Father Alonzo will explain to the parishioners our church is being proactive regarding security. An idea suggested was having a keycode for adoration however, the council was told that the keycode could easily be given out to others. The plan is to have the security measures completed by the Easter Vigil.

C. UPDATE ON BISHOP'S VISIT AND COMMENTS-

Father Alonzo thanks everyone who attended and helped with the reception; council members were impressed with the fact that the Bishop stopped at every table and talked to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PASTOR'S REPORT-

Father Alonzo thanks everyone for standing up to the plate and doing it for the Lord. The Ministry Fair is this weekend and advises that we need to reach out and contact others and that it matters where we are going, not where we have been. Discussion of the council regarding compliance and a suggestion is made to have a person present at the Fair that can do the fingerprinting. The Catholic Appeal video will be shown and then we will have a Commitment Sunday. Father explains how expensive it is to provide funding for a Seminarian. Father Alonzo and Deacon Pat present an overview of what a feasibility study is regarding a campaign project and that the study would help us look at what projects we need, such as the parking lot and prayer garden, and the parishioners would pledge a certain amount to get it completed.

B. SEATING OF DOLORES ESPINOZA AS VICE-CHAIR-

Yolanda Leos moves to seat Dolores Espinoza as Vice-Chair, Marina Ruiz seconds the Motion, motion passes. Deacon Pat advises we still need another person on the council since we lost Mary Jane Damron.

C. MINISTRY FAIR-FEBRUARY 17-18, 2018

Pastoral Chair advises that tables and chairs will need to be set up for the Fair and she would like everyone to decorate their tables with balloons, posters, etc. The possibility of giving out popcorn is discussed.

D. SET A DATE FOR A RETREAT-

The retreat will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at St. Helen of the Cross hall.

E. OMOS-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECT OVERVIEW-

See A. Pastor's Report above.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Deacon Pat advises that a Blue Mass will be held on Friday, March 24, 2018 at 4:15 p.m. and that Stations of the Cross will start Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Yolanda Leos advises that the Easter Egg hunt will take place on Easter Sunday and would appreciate any donations of plastic eggs and candy.

Dolores Espinoza will reach out the mothers of the Alter Servers to help out the Altar Society and asks for prayers for the Altar Servers in their spiritual journey.

Jesse Gonzales advises that the box for the canned food drive " 40 Days-40 Cans" will be placed in the lobby tomorrow. The profits from the fish fry and raffle tickets will go towards the security project.

Mary Lou Martinez requests that any available EMC's help out during the Ash Wednesday masses.

8:30 p.m. Father Alonzo Garcia moves to adjourn, Martin Espinoza seconds the motion, motion passes. Closing prayer by Father Garcia, meeting adjourned.