



# Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

## Pastoral Council Meeting

March 13, 2018

7:04 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	Martin Espinoza	Yolanda Leos
Mary Akers	Flora Flores	Lupe Rodriguez
Cathy Duran	Jesse Gonzales	Susan Ruiz
Dolores Espinoza	Michelle E-Ibarra	Jerry Sipes

Members not present:

Father Alonzo Garcia-exc	Dave Crane-exc	Johnny Ruiz-exc
Samantha Alvarez	Elizabeth Flores-exc	Margie Ruiz
Danny Baeza	Mary Lou Martinez-exc	Marina Ruiz
Patty Baeza	Andrew Rodriguez-exc	Paul Rodriguez-exc
	Anasylyvia Rosel	Candy Ramos-exc

Guests present: Connie Abiles

A quorum is established and meeting proceeds.

**APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR:** None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Flora Flores advises Jesse Gonzales has a correction to the February 19, 2018 Minutes, Page 4, Call To Council, Paragraph 4, it should read as follows:

“Of the Knights of Columbus fish fry profits, \$2,000 will be donated towards the cost of the church’s security system. The proceeds from the Knights of Columbus State raffle will be donated to St. Helen of the Cross Church.”

With the correction, Jesse Gonzales moves to approve the Pastoral Council Minutes of February 13, 2018, Yolanda Leos seconds the motion, motion passes.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- C. **FELLOWSHIP**- nothing new to report
- D. **MAINTENANCE**- no report
- E. **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**- report submitted
- F. **FIESTA QUEEN**- nothing new to report
- G. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**- report submitted
- H. **ALTAR SOCIETY**- report submitted
- I. **LITURGY MINISTRY**- report submitted
- J. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**- report submitted
- K. **BINGO**-  
Pastoral Chair reads the Bingo report submitted to her by Candy Ramos.
- L. **RESPECT FOR LIFE**- report submitted
- M. **FINANCIAL**- nothing new to report
- N. **COMPLIANCE**-  
Pastoral Chair advises Dave Crane could not be here do to an illness in his family and that she will be meeting with him soon.
- O. **YOUTH GROUP**- **Suspended**
- P. **MUSIC/CHOIR**- report submitted
- Q. **ALTAR SERVERS**- report submitted
- R. **CURSILLO**- report submitted

Dolores Espinoza moves to approve the Committee reports, Lupe Rodriguez seconds the motion, motion passes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **UPDATE ON SECURITY**-  
Deacon Pat advises that we have some of the cameras and he is hoping to have them installed this Saturday in the office, the monitor will be placed in his area of the office. Jesse Gonzales also advises the council how the cameras will work, that the cameras will be hard wired, and they will be able to record and may have a detector to start recording.
- B. **UPDATE ON PAINTING OF THE CHURCH, APPROVED LOAN**-  
Deacon Pat advises that St. Helen received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and the check will be picked up March 22 in Tucson, AZ. A meeting will be held with the contractor tomorrow. Deacon Pat advises that they will be taking a look at the choir loft as well.
- C. **UPDATE ON COMPLIANCE OFFICER**-  
Pastoral Chair advises that she will meet with Dave Crane this week to commence his training as Compliance Officer.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. PASTOR'S REPORT-**

Pastors Report is read to the council by Deacon Pat. The report is given to the Secretary for placement in Pastoral Council notebook.

Deacon Pat advises that we need to have all those that volunteered at the Ministry Fair come into the office to get their compliance paperwork started. He also advises that a meeting will be held on March 21 to review Holy Week services. A property belonging to the church has been sold and the profits will go into the parish savings account.

### **B. ROSARY RALLY-MARCH 17, 2018 AT 12:00 P.M.**

Flora Flores invites everyone to the Rally this Saturday, March 17 at 12 noon at the Stage area. The Rally is in support of a traditional marriage, one man, one woman. Susan Ruiz volunteers to lead the Rosary if there are no other volunteers. Michelle Ibarra and Mary Akers volunteer to drop off rosaries in the office.

### **C. MINISTRY FAIR RESULTS-**

The Knights of Columbus had one person sign up and had two prospective sign ups. The Substance Abuse Poster contest didn't do well, only three posters were returned and two of them were late. Suggestions for future poster contests were to have the posters distributed to the Family of Faith program and perhaps the schools. Pastoral Chair wants all the Ministries who had volunteers sign up to turn in their sign up sheets to her. At the Altar Servers table, Dolores Espinoza stated there were some people that showed an interest in a youth group.

## **CALL TO COUNCIL**

Mary Akers advises that the council had previously discussed recycling and asks what the status is on recycling. Lupe Rodriguez advises that when the recycling first started, the bins were not in a good location and people kept putting trash in them. **Deacon Pat suggests that Eric Rosel, Maintenance, research the recycling issue to determine how it can be best accomplished.**

Yolanda Leos advises that the last time she attended Adoration, there were several ladies talking loud through the entire hour and wanted to bring it our attention to see if there could be a solution. Deacon Pat suggests that an article be placed in the bulletin stating that Adoration should be a time of quiet, solitude and prayer.

Lupe Rodriguez brings up the issue of the dress code and states that some women are not coming to Mass appropriately dressed. She states that when she addresses the issue with them, they get upset. She also has shawls available as cover ups. It is suggested that an article be placed in the bulletin addressing the dress code.

Mary Akers advises that the Bingo banner on the west side of the hall is very faded. She also asks for a volunteer to hand out CD's at the 4:15 Mass next weekend, Cathy Duran volunteers to pass out the CD's.

Discussion of the church kneelers. Deacon Pat advises that the pews from Our Lady of Sorrows are not the right size so we could not use them. Deacon Pat advises he has a diagram and will talk to Sebastian about the kneelers. One company quoted a price of \$16,000 to fix the kneelers. Dolores Espinoza states that the father of one of the Altar Servers has volunteered to help fix the kneelers.

Pastoral Chair advises that Father Alonzo extends his appreciation to Andrew Rodriguez for serving as Bazaar chair and also appreciates Michelle Ibarra for her willingness to take over as Bazaar chair.

Deacon Pat advises that 500 candles have been ordered for the Easter Vigil.

8:00 p.m. Dolores Espinoza moves to adjourn, Martin Espinoza seconds the motion, motion passes. Closing prayer by Deacon Pat, meeting adjourned.