



Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting

April 10, 2018

7:07 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	Dolores Espinoza	Yolanda Leos
Mary Akers	Martin Espinoza	Mary Lou Martinez
Patty Baeza	Flora Flores	Lupe Rodriguez
Dave Crane	Jesse Gonzales	Johnny Ruiz
Cathy Duran	Michelle E-Ibarra	Jerry Sipes

Members not present:

Father Alonzo Garcia-exc	Andrew Rodriguez	Margie Ruiz
Danny Baeza	Anasylyvia Rosel	Susan Ruiz
Elizabeth Flores	Paul Rodriguez-exc	Marina Ruiz
Candy Ramos-exc		

Guests present: Connie Abiles

A quorum is established and meeting proceeds.

APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cathy Duran moves to approve the Pastoral Council Minutes of March 13, 2018, Mary Akers seconds the motion, motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **EVANGELIZATION**-report submitted

B. **CHURCH BAZAAR-**

Michelle Ibarra advises committee heads were voted on and the next meeting will be held on April 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the hall. The Bazaar will be held on November 3 and 4th, 2018.

C. **FELLOWSHIP-** nothing new to report

D. MAINTENANCE-

Deacon Pat advises that the painting of the church is expected to commence the 1st week of June and that two committees are being formed, a church committee and a hall committee. The CDA are asked to help out with the hall committee. Deacon Pat will try to recruit some new members to help with the church committee along with some members of the pastoral council. He advises the choir loft will be getting some new carpet and that Paul Sabel will be involved in the process of repairing the kneelers and we will expect to get an estimate on the repairs. The Knights allocated \$400 to go towards the choir loft carpet. It is estimated that we will be in the hall for a month during the painting process; the move to the hall will start the last week of May and painting should begin on June 4. The month of June will be blocked out and nothing will be held in the church due to the painting.

E. CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS- report submitted

F. ADORATION/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-

First Holy Communion will be held on May 13 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Confirmation will be held on June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

K. BINGO- report submitted;

Deacon Pat advises that Father Alonzo is requesting that the CDA take over running the concession stand during Bingo when it resumes after summer. The CDA will consider the request and report back to Father Alonzo.

L. RESPECT FOR LIFE- nothing new to report

M. FINANCIAL- nothing new to report

N. COMPLIANCE-

Pastoral Chair advises that she and Dave Crane have met and started to learn the compliance process. She advises that they are in need of a laptop to set up the compliance applications so that volunteers can come in to the church and start their applications online. Dave will be able to fingerprint volunteers at the office instead of sending them to the police department.

O. YOUTH GROUP- Suspended

P. MUSIC/CHOIR-

Pastoral Chair reminds every one of the plant sale that will be held for Earth Day, April 22, 2018 after the Masses.

Q. ALTAR SERVERS- report submitted

R. CURSILLO- nothing new

Dolores Espinoza moves to approve the Committee reports, Mary Lou Martinez seconds the motion, motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. PARISH REGISTRY/DATABASE-

Pastoral Chair advises that she found a file that Mary Jane Damron had been working on regarding establishing a parish registry. Deacon Pat will take the file to the office and ask the office staff about the file. **This item will be tabled to the July meeting.**

B. RECYCLING-

Deacon Pat will follow up with Eric Rosel regarding the recycling. **This item will be tabled to the July meeting.**

C. WALL OF FAME (previously tabled)

Jesse Gonzales advises the council of the plan for the wall of fame. Pastoral Chair requests that Jesse put the requirements in writing. **This item will be tabled to the the July meeting.**

D. SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE-

Jesse Gonzales advises that four security cameras have already been installed in the hall and that there are four cameras in the office as well. The cameras for the church have not yet been installed.

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.

B. FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR COMPLIANCE COMPUTER AND RETREAT LUNCHEON.

Jerry Sipes suggests putting something in the bulletin to see if someone will donate a laptop/computer to use for compliance purposes. The retreat will be held here at the hall on June 9, it may have to be held in one of the classrooms. Deacon Bill Lugo will be the retreat master. After discussion about the retreat luncheon, it is decided that it will be a pot luck; Pastoral Chair may assign who brings what food items by using members last names and the alphabet.

C. MARY JANE DAMRON'S PICTURE IN HALL-

Pastoral Chair suggests that Mary Jane Damron's picture be put up in the hall since she did a lot for the church. Discussion of whether this would set a precedent and what would be the requirements to have someone else's picture put up. The possibility of putting her picture on the Wall of Fame is discussed; however, Jesse reminds everyone that the Wall of Fame was originally planned for the kids of St. Helen. Johnny Ruiz advises that the Fellowship committee and the family of Mary Jane have discussed purchasing and splitting the cost of a statue of St. Michael the Archangel in honor of Mary Jane.

CALL TO COUNCIL

Pastoral Chair advises that Father Alonzo wants to hold a volunteer appreciation luncheon, possibly at Robson Ranch. Several council members suggest that instead of a luncheon, where some people don't show up and the plates still have to be paid, that Father hold a Mass where a blessing be given to all those that volunteer. Some members feel that they are doing their service as volunteers and do not expect anything in return.

Jesse Gonzales advises that the Knights of Columbus are thinking of providing roses on Mother's Day.

Dolores Espinoza states that tickets have been ordered for the Mother/Son dance on May 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the hall, includes dinner and music; everyone is welcome. Jose Muniz will take pictures and there will be a raffle. She advises that the tickets are \$10 a person but that if a family has more than one son, tickets for additional sons will be \$7.00.

Yolanda Leos gives a heartfelt thanks to everyone that helped with decorating the church for Easter and the egg hunt.

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