



# Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

## Pastoral Council Meeting

August 14, 2018

7:07 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pastoral Chair. Opening prayer by Jerry Sipes.

Roll call is taken and the following members are present:

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| Mary Akers       | Mary Lou Martinez | Lupe Rodriguez |
| Cathy Duran      | Yolanda Leos      | Paul Rodriguez |
| Dolores Espinoza | Johnny Ruiz       | Jerry Sipes    |
| Flora C Flores   | Margie Ruiz       |                |

Members not present:

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| Father Alonzo Garcia-exc | Dave Crane           | Candy Ramos     |
| Deacon Pat Abiles-exc    | Martin Espinoza      | Anasylvia Rosel |
| Danny Baeza              | Elizabeth Flores-exc | Susan Ruiz-exc  |
| Patricia Baeza           | Michelle E-Ibarra    | Marina Ruiz     |

Guests present: None

**A quorum is not established, no voting will occur until the next meeting.**

**APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR:** None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of May 8, 2018 Minutes- no action taken

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **EVANGELIZATION**-report submitted
- B. **CHURCH FIESTA**- no report submitted; Pastoral Chair requests we help the new members of this Ministry.
- C. **FELLOWSHIP**- no report submitted
- D. **MAINTENANCE**- no report submitted
- E. **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**- report submitted
- F. **ADORATION**- report submitted
- G. **FIESTA QUEEN**- report submitted
- H. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**- report submitted

- I. **ALTAR SOCIETY**- nothing new
- J. **LITURGY MINISTRY**- report submitted
- K. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**- report submitted
- L. **BINGO**- moot at this time
- M. **RESPECT FOR LIFE**- report submitted
- N. **FINANCIAL**- Jerry Sipes advises they are brainstorming fund raising ideas and have approved a budget.
- O. **COMPLIANCE**- Pastoral Chair advises that the audit has been submitted and David Crane will assist in getting everyone on the system.
- P. **YOUTH GROUP**- **Suspended**
- Q. **MUSIC/CHOIR**- no report submitted
- R. **ALTAR SERVERS**- nothing new
- S. **CURSILLO**- report submitted

Approval of committee reports- no action taken

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A. PARISH COUNCIL RETREAT RESULTS-**

Dolores Espinoza gives a brief report on the parish council retreat surveys and advises the retreat was well liked by those in attendance; she wants attendance improved for the next retreat. She believes we need more face to face contact with parishioners, perhaps by offering retreats or speakers for them to get them involved.

#### **B. MINISTRY FAIR FOLLOW UP-**

Pastoral Chair advises it is up to the Ministry Leaders to reach out and call those that signed up at the Ministry Fair.

#### **C. ICSAVE-**

Paul Rodriguez provides some info on this program; Johnny and Paul went to the meeting but no one was there. Jesse Gonzales had previously stated that this program is for an active shooter/rescue task force and that if enough interest was shown at St. Helen's, we could have some of the training ICSAVE provides here at the hall.

#### **D. ST HELEN'S KIDS WALL OF FAME-**

Pastoral Chair reads the guidelines and criteria previously submitted by Jesse Gonzales. It is suggested that a certificate and/or Mass Intention be provided for those nominated instead of a picture on the wall. **This matter will be tabled to the next meeting.**

#### **E. PARISH REGISTRY/DATABASE-**

No information on this matter; however, Mary Akers has volunteered to try to determine who is responsible for updating the database in the diocese.

**F. RECYCLING-**

Mary Akers has been taking the recycling to the box at St. Vincent De Paul in Casa Grande; Paul Rodriguez recycles the cans from Bingo.

**G. LONG/SHORT TERM GOALS-**

Mary Akers presents her ideas on the short and long term goals; short term goals could be a 1 year plan; long term goals- 5 or 10 year plans. For example, one of the goals could be to increase mass attendance and all the ministry groups would concentrate on that goal until the goal is accomplished using percentages. Each ministry/apostolate would state how they would help reach that goal. Mary Akers suggests and the council discusses a possible parish survey filled out by parishioners to let us know what they think we can do to improve/help meet their needs. Mary Akers will look into a parish survey. Mary Lou Martinez suggests having a booth at the Fiesta where parishioners can fill out a survey. Another suggestion is having refreshments for all parishioners, not just for winter visitors, perhaps the 1<sup>st</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month sponsored by the Parish Council. The council believes some parishioners may not even know we have a Parish Council. Dolores Espinoza suggests that perhaps having parent/child activities could improve attendance, such as having the youth help with the collections, readings, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PASTOR'S REPORT-**

Report submitted

**B. FOOD HANDLERS CARD-**

Jerry Sipes advises he completed the food handlers application online and it took approximately 40 minutes to complete.

**C. SET A DATE FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER-**

The date for the Thanksgiving dinner will be Thursday, November 15, 2018; Pastoral Chair will start the paperwork.

**CALL TO COUNCIL**

Pastoral Chair advises we are no longer pursuing the Adopt A Street because of the unavailability of streets but she will remain in contact with the people involved in case a street becomes available.

Pastoral Chair advises Father Garcia would still like to provide a dinner for all the parish volunteers and a tentative date is set for Saturday, January 26, 2019. Pastoral Chair will check on that date to make sure it is a good date.

Paul Rodriguez advises there are blue chairs available for sale at \$2.00 each if anyone is interested; payments for the chairs can be made at the church office.

8:27 p.m. Closing prayer by Jerry Sipes, meeting adjourns.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**