



Minutes

St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting

September 11, 2018

7:10 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pastor, who said the opening prayer.

Roll call is taken and the following members are present:

Fr. Alonzo Garcia	Deacon Pat Abiles	Mary Akers
Patty Baeza	Mary Lou Martinez	Lupe Rodriguez
Paul Rodriguez	Johnny Ruiz	Susan Ruiz
Jerry Sipes		

Members not present:

Cathy Duran-exc	Dolores Espinoza-exc	Dave Crane
Candy Ramos	Martin Espinoza	Anasylyvia Rosel
Danny Baeza	Elizabeth Flores	Flora Flores-ex
Yolanda Leos	Michelle E-Ibarra	Marina Ruiz

Guests present: None

For the second month in a row a quorum was not established, no voting will occur until the next meeting.

1. **APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR:** None

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of May 8th and Aug 14th 2018 Minutes- no action taken due to lack of quorum.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **EVANGELIZATION**-report submitted

B. **BAZAAR** - no report

C. **FELLOWSHIP**- report submitted. Johnny Ruiz added that Connie Abiles had donated a basket that would be raffled to create additional funds.

D. **MAINTENANCE**- report submitted

E. **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**- Patty Baeza reported that the Daughters will be taking over the Bingo concession stand starting in October. In addition, the Daughters will provide breakfast for the Oct 26-28 Vocation retreat. There was some confusion as to which meals were needed and Fr. Alonzo agreed to confirm the status and need of the meals. The Daughter's are looking to do a food sale fund raiser on Oct

12. They are also planning a woman's retreat Saturday, March 2nd 2019. The Daughters are helping with Respect for Life T-Shirt sales to fund the Rosary Celebration.

- F. **ADORATION**- nothing to report
 - G. **BAZAAR QUEEN**- suspended for this year due to lack of sufficient candidates.
 - H. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**- report submitted
 - I. **ALTAR SOCIETY**- report submitted
 - J. **LITURGY MINISTRY**- report submitted
 - K. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**- report submitted
 - L. **BINGO**- begins tomorrow, nothing to report for the past month.
 - M. **RESPECT FOR LIFE**- report submitted
 - N. **FINANCIAL**- Jerry Sipes reported that the Board of Directors is looking for a new secretary to replace Ana Rosel.
 - O. **COMPLIANCE**- no report
 - P. **MUSIC/CHOIR**- report submitted
 - Q. **ALTAR SERVERS**- report submitted
 - R. **CURSILLO**- report submitted
- Approval of committee reports- no action taken due to lack of quorum.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ICSAVE – status unknown for St. Helen's.
- B. St. Helen's Kids Wall of Fame – waiting for quorum to terminate program.
- C. Parish Registry/Database – family count is derived from the annual financial report, which is driven from parish contribution database. An accurate database is critical to accurate reporting. Fr will send Mary a blank PAFR file. Mary will send Deacon Pat the emails exchanged with the Diocese.
- D. Recycling – terminated due to lack of places to take the material and no staff to handle it.
- E. Long/Short Term goals – Mary circulated a sample survey that was developed 2 years ago. It was not focused on asking parishioners what they wanted but rather on the spiritual needs of families. Submit comments to Mary.
- F. Bazaar update – Paul reported Bazaar planning doing OK. Candy Rodriguez will not do the Bingo for the Bazaar, looking for a replacement. Sat 5-9pm, Sun 12-8pm. Best of Show magazine will cover the car show this year. Donation letters are ready. Bazaar ticket sales are going well.
- G. Security update – system not turned on due to lack of cable. Need more cameras needed for church. Recorders will be placed in storage closet in choir area, once area is cleaned out.
- H. Thanksgiving dinner – status unknown.
- I. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-Jan 26, 2019 (tentative) – no one to give status.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pastor's Report –

- a. Getting new secretary for Board of Directors.
- b. Housekeeping services company interviewed, bid too expensive. New “hall only” proposals will be submitted – one weekly, one bi-weekly. Parish staff and volunteers will take over the office building and church.
- c. Landscaping contract signed, work has begun.
- d. This Saturday a team of volunteers will repair the kneelers.

B. Diocesan Pastoral Council Convocation -- status unknown

6. CALL TO COUNCIL

- A. Mary Akers reported that no one had registered or showed up for RCIA, therefore she is terminating the meetings. This frees up the parish hall on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. She will notify office staff. Deacon Pat removed the meeting from the facility calendar. If anyone inquires about RCIA during the year their query will be handled on an individual basis.
- B. Knights will be running World Food Drive on Sunday Oct 14th Target group TBD.
- C. Knights will be doing breakfast Oct 7th. Straight breakfast \$7, Menudo \$10 all you can eat. Take home \$8 for 32 oz cup.
- D. Knights Oct 19th movie night. “Power in My Hands” (movie on the rosary). Reconsidering date due to conflicts.
- E. Rosary celebration – KofC will be helping defray the cost of the two buses. Family of Faith will be invited.
- F. Knights will be doing “Knights Family of the Month” rosary 4th Sunday of Month. Need parish members to volunteer for other Sundays. Father asked that a similar rosary be done at the 4:15 Sat Mass. Lectors and EM of HC will be asked to help lead rosary decades.
- G. Patty Baeza suggested some opportunity for parishioners to come and learn about ministries/apostolates in the parish without feeling they had to sign up to participate. Father suggested that people at least sign up for that meeting ahead of time so we would know whether we had enough interest to hold the meeting.
- H. Deacon and Father suggested creating a weekly social event that mixed food and talk. First talks proposed as the Catechism. Send Father a list of topics.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Closing prayer by Fr. Alonzo.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.