

SAN MARTÍN DE PORRES
Pastoral Council Minutes
5 May 2015

After declaring a quorum, Chair Pat Bradley called the meeting to order in the church about 6:40 PM and Father Juan Carlos offered a prayer. Voting members present were Pat Bradley, JoAnn Stover, Carlos Solorzano, Paul Kreinitz, Debbie Morales, and Frances Ortega.

We went directly to **MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

1. **Music/Choir – Carlos Solorzano** acknowledged that the groups are trying to get together more frequently to coordinate their music, especially to collaborate for special Masses. Ideally, they would conduct two-month planning. He expressed a concern about the sound system, which seems erratic at times. They feel they need more microphones for some of the groups.
ACTION: Carlos will contact friends to come and look at our system and make suggestions for possible updates.
2. **Faith Formation – JoAnn Stover** reported on the three First Holy Communion Masses on May 2 and 3. For the most part, things went smoothly, with children doing a commendable job of reading the Scriptures in English at two Masses and in Spanish at the 12:00 Mass.

Father will speak on issues of Religious Education in the New Business section.

3. **Knights of Columbus – Paul Kreinitz** presented an extensive report: The Knights have held 4 pancake breakfasts so far this year, one per month, to benefit seminarians, as well as other projects. They had a Valentine dinner with their wives in February, and road cleanup is scheduled four times a year. Our Council is currently selling tickets for the state raffle. Election of officers will be held on June 4, and fourth degree exemplification will be held in Phoenix in June. Paul also mentioned that Deacon George Lambert is not at all well, and we do not expect to see him in our parish again.
4. **Sahuarita Community Liaison Debbie Morales** talked about new picnic tables. Two groups have purchased four tables, and we need six more.
5. **Ladies Club – Frances Ortega** said the Ladies Club met last week, and they are planning to provide food for the Women's Retreat on May 16. (Side note: The retreat is free, with lunch provided, and is scheduled for 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) There is a concern on how to get more members committed to come to meetings and participate in projects. They want to find more help with the gift shop.

6. **Liturgy Committee – Pat Bradley** is still trying to recruit and train more Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. A two-hour training session will be held one month from today. Father suggested first having a meeting of the Liturgy Committee, i.e., all those who participate in the liturgy. **ACTION -- Pat Bradley**

NEW BUSINESS – Father Juan Carlos

Father JC challenges each parish group to unify, to become more organized, to synchronize with each other in their groups and with other groups. Leaders must step up and build momentum for any projects that they are working on. Get sponsors, talk to community leaders. Organize a team and move to make things happen. Father especially commended the Knights of Columbus for the way they organize, establish goals, and build momentum to accomplish those goals.

Parish Synod – Five people are working on organizing the Synod.

1. Survey will be taken during the homily this Sunday to gather people's ideas different from the status quo.
2. Six to eight committees will be selected, with seven to ten members on each committee.
3. The Synod will convene in November for committees to present their suggestions.
4. An end document will compile all resulting suggestions.
5. The final document will present a five-year plan for the parish.

Weekday Mass Schedule – All weekday Masses (Tuesday through Friday) will be held at 12:15 beginning on May 19, until further notice.

Faith Formation for Adults will start in August and will be held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 P.M., for six weeks, alternating English and Spanish, so there will be three sessions in each language. The first session will study the Mass, going into depth on the meaning of what is happening and why. We will **encourage and challenge parents of students to attend** so they understand better what their children are learning. Fifteen people should be on the committee to organize the sessions.

Religious Education – Father JC will meet with catechists next week on Tuesday, May 12. He will also meet with Manny Valenzuela, Superintendent of Sahuarita Schools, to discuss our needs and learn what the cost would be to hold our classes in their classrooms. We must consider how the change might impact families, their ability to have the children attend the classes after school, and their ability to afford the fee, which could be as high as \$75 to cover rental. **ACTION – Father Juan Carlos**

Sunday school and Liturgy of the Word were discussed, along with the need for more teachers. Both are free for parents of age-appropriate children. Father mentioned the possibility of equipping rooms with closed-circuit television so the Mass could be

followed from those rooms. This also brought up the idea of a room for parents with infants. **ACTION – Father Juan Carlos**

Father is actively seeking a Coordinator of Religious Education.

Summer camp – Summer shade over the patio was mentioned, along with a preference for something more permanent than what we have had.

Youth Group – A **Summer camp** of 8 weeks will be held for youth of junior and senior high school age. Focus will be on person-to-person faith sharing and building relationships through sports and activities. It will end with a two-night camping trip on Mt. Lemmon.

Fifteen students and five chaperones will attend **Steubenville West**, a retreat for high school-aged youth, on July 10 - 12. **Rebecca Nieser** or **Cindy Gomez-Parra** has details.

Life Teen training for youth ministers will be held in Scottsdale June 7 - 10. **Father Juan Carlos and Julio Barajas** will attend.

In response to a question on future parish development, Father JC stated that a feasibility study would be made to explore fund-raising options. He also said **he plans to meet again with the Waldens and the Sharps**.

After Father's closing with a prayer, Chair Bradley adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Stover, Secretary