

SAN MARTIN DE PORRES
Pastoral Council Minutes
8 April 2017

Present were: Fr. Juan Carlos Aguirre, Chair Pat Bradley, Pilar Harris, Jim Harris, Ana Quihuis, Laura Acosta, JoAnn Stover, Debbie Morales, Paty Rivero, Gladys Pedraza-Seaz, Myrl Johanning and Sharon Forciea. Guests present: Carmen Ferlan and Stephen Lane. Absent: Tom Murphy, Paul Krienitz, Frances Ortega and Josh Sparling.

Fr. Juan Carlos led prayer.

Minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

Pastor's time

Fr. opened the floor to comments and concerns. Pilar Harris commented on the possibilities of bible studies and the importance of evangelizing. Fr. stated that a lot of our activities are geared toward evangelizing, however there are other programs and activities we can institute to encourage more outreach within the parish as well as the community at large.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lifetouch photography

Sharon Forciea thanked Ana Quihuis and Laura Acosta for their committees help with photo sign ups after masses. Thanks to Fr. Juan and Marissa Acosta for compiling a church history and Marissa Acosta and Cindy Gomez-Parra for completing the story of San Martin with pictures of the activities of the parish. 133 families participated in photo sessions and 5 families submitted photos to be included in the directory. A proof of the directory will be sent for our approval. Once the proof is approved, Lifetouch will send the directories to San Martin for distribution.

B. Guest report: SAI (Southern Arizona Interfaith)

Carmen Ferlan, Ana Quihuis and Sharon Forciea reported on the forum held at San Martin on February 26, 2017 presented by SAI and Ana Chavarin to discover and discuss the needs of San Martin and the community at large. Seven groups were formed, 5 in Spanish and 2 in English.

(1.) Church concerns:

- a. Participation of our winter visitors financially and in the ministries of San Martin. Create a welcome committee to personally visit new members to get to know them, their expectations, needs and concerns. Present them with information in the form of a pamphlet about current ministries, religious education program, activities such as the fiesta.
- b. Bible studies in Spanish and English (contact the Diocese for information).
- c. Visits to parishioners that may need help: Communion to shut ins, home help ie.

drive people to appointments, shop for them, perform light household repairs.

(2.) Community Concerns:

- a. Immigration and the fear the community is experiencing regarding possible deportation and removal of visas and separating families.
- b. Lack of communication between family members causing the loss of values.
- c. Drug addiction among young people and the lack of knowledge and resources to address this issue.
- d. La Villita community has problems with water stagnation when it rains with no support from the town of Sahuarita to solve the problem.

C. Stewardship

Gladys Pedraza-Seaz presented on a handout explaining the responsibilities of stewardship and how the church community works together to achieve being caretakers of what God has given us through His grace and generosity. Gladys asked for volunteers from council members.

D. Parish Synod

Jim Harris reported on the progress of the synod with a handout for the practical provisions for 2017.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Marriage Ministry

Stephen Lane presented information for a Marriage Enrichment, entitled, "Married and in love....Most of the time". Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10am-4pm with mass to follow at 5pm. Stephen and his wife Connie will present this one day enrichment to show the strength in each other through communication.

Volunteers are needed for: room set up, food preparation and possibly babysitting. Email Stephen at scoutleader365@gmail.com or call: 520-240-2388 if you can help.

B. Parish Mission

Ana Quihuis presented information for the parish mission April 30 to May 3, 2017 at 7pm. each evening. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers to other churches. Santa Rita in Vail and to St. Monica's. Volunteers needed to make reminder phone calls to parish members as well as sending invitations through the mail.

MEMBER REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

Myrl Johanning reported the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 will be started in April. The final budget will be approved by the finance committee and the board of directors and then submitted to the Diocese.

B. Hospitality

Laura Acosta reported the hospitality committee provided help for the winter resident event. Continued assistance as requested by Father Juan Carlos. There is a need for Eucharist Ministers for the home bound. Laura and Bob are currently doing this. A family were recent

victims of identity theft. Members of the Knights of Columbus donated money to assist the family.

C. Religious Education: Paty Rivero

Student activities in March

1. 18 young people and 3 chaperones attended The Youth Fest.
2. CRS Rice Bowls handed out on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.
3. Fundraisers: Two movie nights, Sunday breakfast.
4. Net Retreat: Two were held. One open to all students. The second for the confirmation class only. 43 students attended both days.
5. We received a visit from Lindy Clay from Southern Arizona Children Advocacy Center. Prevention and education outreach compliance for 2016-2017. Two sessions were held. One for grades 1-6 and one for grades 7-9.
6. Lenten penance day service was attended by 42 students, including First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.

April activity

1. An Easter egg hunt was held. Donations were from the parents. The Ladies Club filled 2000 eggs.

Teacher's training and activities

1. January- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Workshop at St. Francis Cabrini in Tucson. Four teachers attended.
2. March-Faith Formation Day at the Tucson Convention Center. One teacher attended.
3. April-Emergency class conducted by Carla Caudwell at San Martin de Porres. Five teachers attended.

Fr. Aguirre led the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Forciea