

**SAN MARTÍN DE PORRES**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**29 September 2016**

Vice Chair Tom Murphy called the meeting to order in the Rectory about 6:00 P.M., and Father Marco Carrasco opened with a prayer.

Present were Father Juan Carlos Aguirre, guest Father Marco Carrasco, Chair Pat Bradley, Vice Chair Tom Murphy, Jim Harris, Joshua Sparling, Myrl Johanning, Gladys Pedraza, Paty Rivero, Laura Acosta, Pilar Harris, Debbie Morales, Sharon Forcica, Ana Quihuis, Frances Ortega, and JoAnn Stover, who was late.

Minutes from the April meeting were not brought to the meeting, so apparently they stand as submitted.

**I. From the Pastor**

- A. Father Aguirre discussed the recent Finance Council meeting, during which they discussed where we are going and what our mission is. In the three years he has been Pastor, we have shown growth and we have new challenges, but we must be sure not to lose our identity.
- B. Synod proposals were services for the parish – what we can do for the parishioners and what they can do for us.

**II. Old Business**

A. Parish Synod Update: Jim Harris, Fr. Aguirre

The purpose of the Synod is to hear the voice of the parish members on the needs of the parish community and how the parish would meet those challenges.

Jim distributed a three-page handout of “Synod Practical Provisions” (attached), which were divided into categories and rated on importance of parish needs. Dark green highlights the highest priorities in each category. We will need many more volunteers and more participation to facilitate the proposed plan. Jim asked each Pastoral Council member to identify items that they think could reasonably be accomplished by their groups in each year 2017 – 2019. A plan will then be developed to execute the long-term goals of the parish.

Members should submit results in one week, by October 9, indicating the challenges that their groups are willing to accept. “Our group can do this.”

B. Patio/Garden Update: Joshua Sparling

Painting is done; grass is established. Project is still below budget. More trees might be planted, but we are basically ready for the Fiesta.

**III. New Business**

A. Princess/Prince Ball: Joshua Sparling

Purposes are to get young people involved and to share more, and to encourage young people's parents to get involved.

Publicity ideas:

Post on "Facebook." Add comments and share to "bump" the post to the top of page. Weekends are more active.

Make flyer to be distributed to schools: elementary, middle schools, K-5.

Fill out form on line. Could be posted on school website. Should be submitted to school office. **Action: Debbie Morales** (Check with Continental School also.)

B. Fiesta (November 5-6): Gladys Pedraza

Committee needs help getting raffle tickets out. Parishioners aren't picking them up to sell. Many were mailed to parishioners.

Three spots are left for entertainment.

Many more volunteers are needed to work in booths and on games.

Gift certificates are needed from businesses.

There was some discussion on what booths various groups will be responsible for.

Father JC said an open Fiesta meeting would be held every Wednesday until the Fiesta.

Debbie Morales and Father JC commended Gladys for the job she is doing.

C. Evangelization: Jim Harris

Knights of Columbus asked Jim to promote the Men's Conference in Tucson on November 5. Posters and flyers from Diocese will be distributed. A notice on the church bulletin was suggested.

When can we restart Holy Hour on Thursday – in English?

Try to get videos of homilies posted on YouTube through social media.

D. Stewardship: Myrl Johanning

A winter resident from Minnesota, Mark Davy, attended the Finance Committee meeting and offered to provide guidance and expertise on a stewardship campaign.

Father JC said we must educate people on the mission of our growing parish. He suggested we start a stewardship campaign in January, before the Catholic Appeal. We should consider the winter visitors/residents and be more inclusive of them.

A motion that we go through with a stewardship campaign was seconded and approved. A committee will be formed and will report at the next PC meeting.

#### **IV. Member Reports**

A. Knights of Columbus: Myrl Johanning for Paul Krienitz

The Knights donated \$300 to the Arizona Rosary Celebration to be held Saturday, October 22, at 6 P.M., in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. More information can be found at <http://www.azrosary.com>.

The Knights had a pancake breakfast and helped with the patio project. They also conducted a Tootsie Roll drive at Fry's. First responders who attended the recent Blue Mass expressed their appreciation. Tom Murphy and Al LePage assisted with that.

B. Finance Committee: Myrl Johanning

At their latest meeting the Finance Committee approved the Parish Annual Financial Report.

C. Hospitality: Laura Acosta

We have some new parishioners and some additional volunteers. We are fine for the 5:00 Saturday and 10 A.M. Sunday Masses, but we need more volunteers for the 8:00 and 12:00 Masses on Sunday.

D. Religious Education: Paty Rivero

Our catechism program starts with Sunday school and goes through Confirmation.

We have 203 students enrolled and 26 teachers, 10 more than last year.

Our largest class is first grade, which suggests a large First Communion class next year.

Twelve children are enrolled in Sunday school.

We have been holding training workshops for teachers.

We will begin fundraisers after returning from school break, after October 16.

We will sell snacks after classes beginning the week of October 16.

Halloween will be celebrated with All Saints Day parties at the classes October 25 and 27. Children will dress as their favorite saints.

Youth Group will meet next week.

RCIA will begin the last weekend in November.

## V. Additional Issues Requested

- A. As Compliance Officer, Pilar Harris handed out lists of volunteers for Parish ministries. She asked members to identify which volunteers are active and which are inactive so she can update the master list to include only active volunteers. Those who are inactive but want to remain active will have to go through the compliance procedure again.
- B. Debbie Morales has been making dinners for Sahuarita football teams. She suggested that the parish might donate a dinner. After a discussion Father JC suggested spaghetti and meatballs. A date will have to be chosen. **Action: Father or Debbie.**
- C. New Secretary: JoAnn Stover said we need a new secretary. Her term expired two years ago and a new secretary still has not been named. Father said she has been serving pro temp for the last two years. Once again, a call was made for a volunteer, and Sharon Forcica stepped up. JoAnn will write and submit this meeting's minutes then turn the book over to Sharon.
- D. Father Juan Carlos

Father asked that agenda items be submitted **before** each meeting in time to be included on the agenda.

We will receive an introduction to stewardship from the Finance Committee at our next meeting.

Father distributed a list describing "What Is a Living Church?" and asked that each member read an item as we progress around the room.

**VI. Closing prayer:** Father Juan Carlos led us in the prayer, "Hail Holy Queen."

**VII. Adjournment** at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Stover  
"Secretary Pro Temp"



**SMDP Synod Practical Provisions**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	RATING	2017	2018	2019	ASSIGNED GROUP
<b>Family Faith Formation</b>					
<b>1.1 Marriage / Parents</b>					
Marriage and Parenting Classes/Retreats	1.4290				
Parenting Fellowship ( Coffee and Donuts while kids attend church activities )	2.0000				
<b>1.2. Children and Youth</b>					
Mentorship Program - ( Older kids help mentor grade school kids )	1.2860				
Retreats - Faith enrichment	1.6670				
Theatrical Plays	1.8330				
<b>1.4 Young Adults</b>					
Retreats ( Living Godly lives, Morals and Ethics )	1.0000				
Career development, finding a job	1.8570				
<b>1.5 Small / Peer Groups</b>					
Bible Studies	1.2860				
Married Couples - Share experiences, Coaching, Mentorship	2.0000				
Recovery - Divorce	2.0000				
Recovery - Substance abuse	2.0000				
Recovery - Physical/Emotional abuse	2.0000				
<b>Evangelization</b>					
<b>2.1 Fallen away Catholics, Christians, Unbelievers</b>					
Develop a "Parish of the Family"	1.0000				
Homilies that challenge or inspire a closer relationship with Christ	1.0000				
Stress the importance of going to church to luke warm Catholics	1.1430				
Have Parishioners share personal testimonies - " How God changed my life"	1.8330				
<b>2.2 Increase visibility in the Sahuarita Community</b>					
Improve the signage and the appearance of the Church	1.4290				
Have a presence at community events	1.5710				
Music - Have variety that is positive and uplifting	1.5710				
Increase use of Social Media	1.6670				
Sahuarita Publications - "Church in the Pecan Groves"	2.0000				
Monthly newsletter	2.0000				
<b>2.3 Hospitality</b>					
Greet Newcomers	1.2860				
Faith Community Potluck	1.5710				
Distribute pamphlet listing church organizations and activities	1.8570				



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Parish Life / Activities	RATING	2017	2018	2019	ASSIGNED GROUP
<b>3.1 Family Events</b>					
Guest speakers and workshops to strengthen the family and our Catholic faith	1.1430				
Bible studies	1.1430				
Adult Retreats	1.2860				
Vacation Bible School	1.4290				
Easter Egg Hunt	1.5710				
Men's and Women's Fellowship	1.5710				
Movie nights at the Church	1.8570				
Family Retreats	1.8570				
<b>3.2 Youth Group</b>					
Teen Retreats	1.0000				
Prayer Meetings	1.4290				
Weekend Retreats	1.4290				
Sports ( Basketball, Softball, Hiking )	1.5710				
Church picnic	1.5710				
Youth Church Choir	1.5710				
Church camp out	2.0000				
Games at church (Chess, Checkers, etc.)	2.0000				
<b>Stewardship</b>					
<b>4.1 Education</b>					
Teaching on the importance of Stewardship	1.1430				
Testimonies from those that are good stewards	1.7140				
<b>4.2 Recognition</b>					
Annual appreciation dinner	1.2860				
Communicate good works done by Parishioners	1.6670				
<b>4.3 Opportunities to Serve</b>					
Communicate opportunities to serve ( Good works are evidence of true faith )	1.0000				
Ministry Fair	1.3330				
<b>4.4 Fundraising</b>					
Bake Sales	1.5710				
Ice Cream Socials	1.5710				
Raffles	1.5710				
Fish Frys	1.7140				
<b>4.5 Support of Pastor and church staff</b>					
Share Time , Treasure, Talent	1.1430				
Appreciation Meals and/or events	1.2860				
Donate time at (time-share) vacation resort	1.7140				



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<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>					
<b>5.1 Religious Education ( Sacraments )</b>					
Mentorship Program ( A call to holiness )	1.2860				
<b>5.2 Liturgy</b>					
Eucharistic Adoration	1.2860				
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	1.2860				
Healing Masses	1.5710				
<b>5.3 Religious Education ( Other )</b>					
Explanation of the Mass	1.1430				
Church doctrine	1.1430				
Theology	1.2860				
Teaching on Giving	1.2860				
Encourage Parishioners to read Mass readings in advance	1.4290				
Living Holy Lives	1.4290				
Discussion of Church Encyclicals and Exhortations	1.5710				
Apologetics	1.5710				
<b>Poor, Sick &amp; Imprisoned</b>					
<b>6.1 Assistance to Seniors</b>					
Distribution of Holy Communion	1.0000				
Transportation	1.7140				
Distribution of food	2.0000				
<b>6.2 Assistance to Children</b>					
Christmas gift drive for needy children	1.2860				
Donate School Supplies	1.5710				
Coat & Jacket drive	1.7140				
Transportation to Youth Events	1.7140				
Donate books	2.0000				
<b>6.3 Assistance to the needy in general</b>					
Community Food Pantry - Collaborate with local sources	1.4290				
Visit the seriously ill in the hospital	1.4290				
Visit those in Jail	1.7140				