

**SAN MARTÍN DE PORRES**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**26 January 2016**

The San Martín de Porres Pastoral Council met in the Knights of Columbus Room and was called to order by Chair Pat Bradley at 6:15 p.m. Father Juan Carlos Aguirre opened with a prayer.

**OPEN FORUM**

Guest **Isabel Estrada** reported that to date the **Gift Shop** shows a profit of \$4434.28. She needs more volunteers to help in the gift shop. We will have another volunteer fair in the future.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Growth and Development:** **Joshua Sparling** is appointed to this position, but he was not in attendance.

**Father Juan Carlos** discussed meeting with Rancho Sahuarita, and he expects their proposal to be rejected by the Diocese. If they sold us any land they would expect us to develop it (e.g. infrastructure, etc.). This is an unrealistic expectation for us as a non-profit, as we would not have a return for our investment, as a commercial business would. The town manager expects Sahuarita to expand to the east in the future.

According to the Town Zoning and Planning, FEMA has our property on the flooding zone. FICO confirmed this information. Movement to the east would take us out of that flood zone as the elevation increases. Bishop Kicanas is considering other land for possible purchase. Many people are researching and studying possibilities.

**B. November 2015 Festival:**

1. **Myrl Johanning** gave a financial report: Total income to date is \$43,253. Expenses have been \$12,028. Profit: \$31,225.
2. Many groups did not participate. We hope for greater participation next year.
3. Organization and execution seemed to have gone well.

**C. Parish Synod Updates:**

**Father Juan Carlos** discussed this topic. Ten groups were appointed to sample parishioners' perspectives. The object is to funnel thoughts and ideas in an organized way. However, two groups have not yet submitted their revisions. When all are submitted, Father will compile the results. The Parish Council will have to see how they can apply the goals expressed in the final report.

**D. Patio/Garden Update (Father JC):**

The objective is to enclose a yard where the children can play safely. Included will be a fountain, grass, a playground set (fortress). Eventually, the area will have an awning.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Adult Faith Formation**

**Father Jude Eli** presented classes on the Gospel of Luke on Monday through Thursday, January 18-21, two classes each day, with no repeats. Readers were expected to attend at least four classes. Father Eli will return next January 2017 for classes on the Gospel of John.

**B. Youth Group**

**Father JC** announced hiring **T.J. Gomez**, a former seminarian, as the new Youth Group Coordinator. T.J. has had experience with other youth groups. They expect to have a core team of ten to travel to other parishes to observe other youth groups' activities. Their goal is to plan for as least two major events each month.

San Martín de Porres will host a Net Ministry Retreat for youth on the weekend of April 16-17. Families are requested to host visiting team members for the weekend.

**C. Announcements by Father JC:**

**A change in the bulletin provider** is planned. The bulletin should also appear on the parish website.

A priest from **Catholic Relief Services** will celebrate Masses on January 30-31 to promote the Rice Bowl program for Lent. Father JC will do the same at a parish in California.

**Mrs. Karla Cauldwell** will hold **Lenten Wellness Classes** during Lent.

**D. Father JC** proposed a **retreat** for the **Pastoral Council and staff** on a Friday through Sunday, with food and lodging at cost, to be held at a retreat location to be determined.

**MEMBERS' REPORTS**

**Treasurer – Myrl Johanning:** The parish's audit was found to be in full compliance with the Diocese. The Treasurer and the Secretary of the Board, and the Pastor will attend the diocesan Annual Convocation.

The Finance Committee is studying how to promote stewardship, to be more consistent in our stewardship program. **Tom Murphy** is replacing Ed Eick on the finance Committee.

**Religious Education – Paty Rivero** gave enrollment figures: We have 236 students, 144 for First Holy Communion, 89 for Confirmation. There are 18 teachers, 3 aides, and 2 backups.

A retreat is planned for Confirmation, and one will be held for First Holy Communion on April 9. A Summer Camp-Bible Study is being considered for summer. Sunday School is continuing without charge.

**Prayer Group – Rose Rivera:** The group is planning a live **Stations of the Cross** late in Lent.

**Faith Formation – JoAnn Stover:** No report beyond Religious Education,

**Knights of Columbus – Myrl Johanning** reported for Paul Krienitz: San Martín has three new 4<sup>th</sup>-degree Knights. They still sponsor a seminarian, and they make provision for disadvantaged children. They have an annual raffle to benefit the Fatima Women’s Center, St. Joseph’s Youth Group Camp, a wheelchair fund for those in need, and carts for use in the kitchen.

**Liturgy Committee – Pat Bradley:** Readers are required to attend at least four of Father Jude’s classes. Required training for EMHCs is offered Saturday, January 30. We do need more EMHCs.

**Ladies Club** -- In Frances Ortega’s absence, **Debbie Morales** said the ladies are planning a retreat, and they are still serving coffee and donuts after Masses.

**Sahuarita Community Liaison – Debbie Morales** announced applications for the Sahuarita Fiesta would open in March. Father suggested prospective participants fill out applications and have them ready to send in as soon as they will be accepted.

**Outreach and Evangelization – Father** discussed the issue of **daily childcare** for preschool children of single and working mothers, which is supported by the state and Catholic Community Services. The Bishop’s Campaign for Human Development promotes the service at the cost of operation, but vouchers are available from the state. Father said we should look into what the state requires and check resources at the diocese and at St. John Evangelist Parish. **Action: Father Juan Carlos**

**Altar Society – Pat Bradley** explained what the Altar Society does: Maintain altar linens and provide decorations for special Holy Days. They have raised \$800 by making and selling chapel veils and with the Nativity raffle. A Lenten raffle will be held for a silver cross.

**Pat Bradley** requested **nominations** for a new Pastoral Council **Secretary**, as the current secretary’s term has expired.

The **next meeting** will be held on Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnn Stover