

## **SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, May 10, 2013

St. Agnes Room

**Members in Attendance:** Father John Cantwell, Al Cuellar, Tom Kozlowski, Mirna Taylor, Carlos Alvarado, Mikol Maitland, Father Walter Tabios, Pete Comerford, Jim Yates, Hope Cuellar, Lupe Trujillo and Linda Madden. Kathy Kasnic will replace Tina Rheault on the council.

Guests: Gloria Merjil, Kathy Kasnic, Joe Bilotta

Members Absent: Jeff French, Wes Fischer, Ellen Fischer, Don Morley, Lisa Patterson, Sheila Tavano

### **Opening**

- President, Al Cuellar, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Fr. John Cantwell lead the council in a prayer
- Minutes of the April Council Meeting were approved as sent.
- St. James Society minutes were presented by Joe Bilotta and approved as read.

### **Pastor's Comments** – Fr. John Cantwell

1. Second bid for surveillance cameras has been submitted and Mikol Maitland is reviewing both bids.
2. Mike Lamoureux will place a spot light over both statues in the Chapel and fix lights in both confessionals.
3. In addition to surveillance cameras, we are looking at a plastic key card system for security purposes. More on this at the next meeting.
4. Pastor's dinner is June 1st in Gurnell Hall; tickets are being sold after each Mass for \$30.00 per ticket. Al & Hope Cuellar have donated the beef for the dinner.
5. The Magnificat is still being worked on for the church.
6. The Knights of Columbus will stain and reseal the statue of St. Patrick in the parking lots. They will also replace the ovens and have repaired the fire alarm (including

strobe lights) in Gurnell Hall kitchen.

7. The large television in Gurnell Hall is being repaired and will be placed in the common room of the rectory.
8. Mike Lamoureux and Mikol Maitland will look into repairing the speaker system in Gurnell Hall. Mikol believes only 3 of the 8 speakers are working.

**Parish Vocation Committee:** Gloria Merjil reported the Fiat Seminarians will come to St. Patrick Church and provide a retreat for the high school youth of St. Patrick, Holy Trinity and St. James. Dates are yet to be scheduled. This will be a two-day retreat and there will be no cost.

**Heating/Air Conditioning System:** Don did not forward any report to Father Cantwell for the council; however, projects of electrical nature are always ongoing.

**Ladies Society:** Sheila Tavano was absent so there is no report from the Ladies Society.

**Religious Education:** Tina has accepted a position as Administrator of the Waldorf School in Davis, her last day is May 31, 2013. Father Cantwell expressed his thanks to Tina for doing an excellent job in her short tenure. Kathy Kasnic, currently the Administrative Assistant in the Religious Education Program, has accepted the position of Director of Religious Education (DRE) for the parish. Father Cantwell expressed his appreciation to Kathy for accepting the position and looks forward to working with her. Kathy has been a member of the parish for many years and brings knowledge and experience to the program. Kathy reported that applications are being accepted until May 15th, 2013, for the position of Administrative Assistant. Applications can be found online. Kathy reported that 48 students were confirmed on April 21st by Bishop Wiegand; 8 received their First Holy Communion. On May 18, there will be 79 students receiving their First Holy Communion. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 24-28, registration starts soon. This year's theme is, "Big Heart Farms - Fruits of the Holy Spirit." Registration will be \$25.00 per student, or \$40.00 per family. The junior high school students will be 'farm hands' to grades 1-6. O'Neill/Murdoch/Smith will be the teachers and a Mass will be held on the last day of VBS. Hours will be 9 am to noon.

**Update on St. James Church:** Lisa was absent, Joe Bilotta read the approved minutes of the April 2013 meeting. The Grotto is on schedule and on budget (schedule to be presented at the next St. Patrick Parish Council meeting). The Crying Room is a project that has been approved and will move forward. St. James would like to provide some

type of recognition to the Altar Servers. Pete Comerford will speak with Pete Chavez and report back next meeting.

**Knights of Columbus:** Pete reported that on Saturday, June 8th there will be a Spaghetti Feed fundraiser for all parishioners put on by the 4th Degree Knights. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Pete has recently been appointed President of the K of C for the Diocese, and will visit many parishes in the upcoming months. Pete also reported that Father Cantwell has been appointed Chaplain for the Sacramento Chapter of K of C , effective July 1, 2013. Finally, the K of C is cleaning up the cemetery for the Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27th at 10 am.

**Report on Hispanic Community:** Mirna reported that there will be carnations passed out at the Mass on Sunday for Mother's Day. The committee thought this was such a good idea that Al will purchase carnations for all the Masses and the council members will pass them out. There will be a picnic at Benham Park on Sunday, June 2nd for all youths who have graduated from high school. The previous meeting minutes of the Hispanic Council will be provided to Father Cantwell at a later date. Lupe and Lucille are sharing the Treasurer duties and money collection is going well. Bible studies are continuing with the Hispanic community. Father Walter is beginning a charismatic group again, more details to follow.

**Finance Committee:** Tom Kozlowski reported:

Total Current Assets: \$761,856.23

Total Expenses: \$705,976.68

Net Income: \$55,879.68.

Father Cantwell reported that Bishop Soto will be at a meeting next week at the Mother Teresa Home; a discussion of leadership in the home will be held.

**Closing:**

- The next Parish Council meeting will be on June 14, at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes Room.
- Fr. Cantwell led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Linda M. Madden