

## **ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, March 14, 2014

St. Agnes Room

**Members in Attendance:** Father Hernando Gomez, Al Cuellar, Hope Cuellar, Tom Kozlowski, Don Morley, Maria Quintero, Mirna Taylor, Carlos Alvarado, Jim Yates, Jose Garcia, Lucille Villalobos, Peter Comerford, Linda Madden, Kathy Kasnic, Sheila Tavano.

Members Absent: Father Walter Tabios, Wes and Ellen Fischer, Lisa Patterson, Jeff French.

### **Opening**

- President, Al Cuellar, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
- Fr. Hernando Gomez lead the council in a prayer
- Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting were approved as sent.
- St. James Society minutes were presented by Hope Cuellar and approved as read.

### **Pastor's Comments – Fr. Hernando Gomez**

1. We have started an Improvement Fund here at St. Patrick Church. All the money given to the Improvement Fund will be used for projects at St. Patrick's Church. Donations of \$500.00 and \$400.00 have been given by individuals along with a very generous donation of \$15,000.00 from the St. Patrick Ladies Society. The Ladies Society approved the monies for the updating of my office. We have purchased a new washer and dryer for the parish rectory. The old wash machine was not working and the cost was prohibitive to fix it. Also, we are currently in the process of updating my office.
2. The Eagle Scout project is finished at Mother Teresa Maternity Home.

3. The Mother Teresa Dinner and Auction on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> was a great success. The event raised approximately \$47,000 for the home.
4. The two large cedar trees near the rectory were pruned back because of the damage they were causing to the roof.
5. Invitations regarding the Diocesan One Campaign have been sent to all the parishioners. Bishop Soto will be here the evening of March 17<sup>th</sup> to speak about the campaign to our parishioners. Our goal is \$596,000 along with St. James. Twenty five percent of our final donations will be returned here.

Sandy Danz spoke regarding a new hearing system in the church. This system would have wires around the floor. Jim Yates made a motion that Sandy research this project further and bring it to the Parish Council. Maria Quintero seconded.

Don Morley stated that 2 air conditioners are out for the church. Next month is the annual checkup. He said that in about 3 years we will need a new boiler for the church. In Gurnell Hall one unit is not working. There are four 7 1/2 ton units on the roof of Gurnell Hall. We need new thermostats with locked boxes. The thermostats in church and chapel have locked boxes. He will have more information next month including a long term plan.

Sheila Tavano reported for the Ladies Society regarding several events. Last November we had a Boutique Event which yielded \$6000. We donated \$600 in clothes and toys for a family from the Christmas Giving Tree. January was Our Day of Recollection in which 70 women were in attendance. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, our Woman of the Year, Jane Meuser, will be honored at the SDCCW Convention at Mercy Retreat House in Auburn. May 17<sup>th</sup> is our spring luncheon to be held in Gurnell Hall. Our Easter Bake Event will be held the weekend of April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. In February we donated \$15,000 to our parish.

Kathy Kasnic told us that the Christmas Pageant was a huge success. All the Faith Formation children participated. Three Catechists went to Los Angeles. We have one teenage student in the Rite of Election. The fifty-four Confirmation candidates took a bus to San Francisco for a conference. The Faith Formation Lenten Project is the CRS Rice Bowl. Confirmation will be Held on June 4<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Soto. First Reconciliation will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> and First Communion on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Bible School starts on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Michael James Mette, a Christian singer, will be here April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to give a free concert.

**Report on the Hispanic Community** – Maria Quintero welcomed Father Hernando. There is \$7720.02 in their treasury. She asked permission to purchase real green ferns to replace the plastic ones on each side of the tabernacle. She also asked to have next year's Ash Wednesday reorganized. She submitted a copy of the Hispanic Community's meeting which was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

Denise Davidson was invited to report on the Coffee and Donuts Social. She said all is going well.

Finance Report:

Total income from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 through March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was \$645,515.89.

Other income: \$69,459.70

Total income: \$714,975.59.

Expenses: \$630,644.15.

Other expenses \$41,626.63.

Total expenses: \$672,270.78.

Net income: \$42,704.81.

**Closing:**

- The next Parish Council meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., in the St. Agnes Room.
- Fr. Hernando led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sheila Tavano, Secretary