

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Minutes

Date: May 9, 2014

St. Agnes Room

Members in Attendance: Father Hernando Gomez, Lisa Patterson, Maria Quintero, Pete Comerford, Al Cuellar, Hope Cuellar, Tom Kozlowski, Ellen Fischer, Wes Fischer, Lucille Villalobos, Sheila Tavano, Jose Garcia

Members Absent: Jeff French, Mirna Taylor, Father Walter Tabios, Don Morley, Jim Yates, Kathy Kasnic, Linda Madden.

Opening

- President, Al Cuellar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- Fr. Hernando Gomez lead the council in a prayer
- Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting were approved as sent.

St. James Society minutes were approved as read.

Pastor's Comments – Fr. Hernando Gomez

1. More donations to the Improvement Fund have been received. Thank you to the Hispanic Community for their very generous donation of \$2000.00
2. Fifty-three families have pledged over \$111,000.00 for the Diocesan One Campaign. The Commitment Weekend went very well with many families pledging either one time gifts or four year pledges. The campaign will provide a monthly report for Father Hernando, and beginning in July our parish will start receiving 25% of all payments/installments collected. The parish will continue to receive the parish portion every quarter thereafter.
3. The Upper Room has a newly installed floor and they have reopened after being closed for several weeks.
4. Our maintenance men are preparing the St. Patrick Cemetery for the Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 26th at 10AM.
5. We have organized the catacombs and had signage ordered and placed to comply with the hazard conditions noted on our Fire Department

Inspection report. The fire department will be back to re-inspect the buildings on June 11th. Thank you to Jim Polaski for ordering and installing the signs at no cost to the parish.

6. Ninety-five children are preparing for their First Communion on Saturday, May 10th.
7. David Gionisi of Franciscan Works will be here on the weekend of May 17th and 18th for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 2014 Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

Due to the absence of Don Morley, there was no Heating/Air Systems report. A suggestion was proposed to ask Mikol Maitland to assist Don.

Sandy Danz is on vacation. She will meet with contractors on Mother's Day. Sandy and David Danz will provide partial payment for Hearing Aids in our church.

Sheila Tavano reported that the Ladies Society is preparing for the annual Spring Luncheon to be held on Saturday, May 17th in Gurnell Hall. Our May 15th meeting is our election for new officers. Our ladies are also now preparing for our Rummage Event to be held on August 1st and 2nd.

The Knights of Columbus members will assist the post office in collecting food on Saturday, May 10th. They cooked the dinner for the priests retreat on May 8th. Bishop Jaime Soto was very happy to receive \$5,500 from the K of C chapter of Northern California Diocese to purchase ciboriums. The Knights of Columbus Annual Mother Teresa Golf Tournament is planned for Monday, June 2nd. The State convention will be held on May 16 & 17 in Santa Clara. A dinner theater is planned for June 14th. A matinee will also be held at 1:00 PM. A parish picnic is in the process of being planned in Coloma on July 20 at 2PM.

Lisa Patterson said a Mother's Day Tea is planned on Sunday, May 18th. The parish is very happy having Father James, a missionary priest, saying the weekend Mass at their church. St. James requests additional bulletins each week.

Flowers will be given from the Parish Council to all mothers at the weekend Masses in celebration of Mother's Day.

Lucille Villalobos and Maria Quintero said the Hispanic Community is also planning to give flowers at the 12:30 PM Mass on Mother's Day. Lucille stated that the Diocese has requested that all ministries of our parish unite and report back to Diocese what our combined ministries are doing to unite as one. The Hispanic Committee have two meetings per year. They will set goals and prepare by-laws next month. Their council will attend a mental health class on July 7 & 14. Father Hernando thanked them for the beautiful ferns that are now on our altar. Maria presented the minutes of their April 2nd meeting.

Denise Davidson did not attend the meeting so there was no Sunday Social report given.

Sheila Tavano asked everyone to please not place store bought large candles in our votive candle holder. They can easily explode or burn.

Finance Report

May 9: Total income for July 1, 2013 to May 7, 2014: \$786,841.62

Other income: \$85,219.11

Total income: \$872,060.73

Expenses: \$790,458.19

Other expenses: \$54,365.07

Total Expenses: \$844,823.26

Net Income: \$27,237.47

Closing:

- The next Parish Council meeting will be on June 13th, at 7PM in the St. Agnes Room.
- Fr. Hernando led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Sheila Tavano, Secretary