

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, June 12, 2015

St. Agnes Room

Members in Attendance: Father Hernando Gomez, Al Cuellar, Hope Cuellar, Tom Kozlowski, Mirna Taylor, Ellen Fischer, Wes Fischer, Father Walter Tabios, Jim Yates, Peter Comerford, Lisa Patterson, Maria Quintero, Lucille Villalobos, Sheila Tavano, Geno Davidson, Sandee Macedo.

Members Absent: Jeff French, Carlos Alvarado, Jose Garcia, Mikol Maitland, Don Morley.

Guest: Denise Davidson, Paul Patterson.

Opening

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

Pastor's Comments – Father Hernando

Fiscal year end requires us to revisit the make up of the Parish Council membership and Officer positions. In accordance with Parish Council By-Laws it is now time to appoint the next Council Officers. At the same time I wish to thank the current officers, Al and Hope Cuellar, as Co-Presidents, Jim Yates as Vice-President and Sheila Tavano as Secretary. Let's have a round of applause for the outgoing officers.

With the beginning of the new Council, it is my pleasure, in accordance with the Parish Council By-Laws, to name the new officers. The former Vice-President, Jim Yates moves into the position of President. I am recommending Gino Davidson to be appointed Vice-President and recommending Sheila Tavano retain her role as Secretary.

At the September Parish Council meeting I will have the incoming President go over in detail the Mission of the Parish Council and the By-Laws. I am currently in the process of taking Saint Patrick's previous Parish Council By-Laws and blending them with the Diocese of Sacramento's sample By-Laws and my own revisions.

Father further stated that he has been here one and one-half years. He is developing a pastoral plan on how to proceed in facing challenges.

He will re-visit the Faith Formation to form a new way in which it is to be conducted with our parishioners having priority. He will also accommodate students outside of our parish when possible.

The parish rectory and office roof replacement is soon to begin. The parish rectory and office will be equipped with new dual pane windows.

Father Walter's living quarters will be updated.

St. James parish is really a mission. The properties there are always kept updated.

Many improvements were made under Father John Cantwells guidance.

Father also said he is very proud of the Hispanic Community and how hard they are all working.

Al and Hope Cuellar thanked all members for their three years in office.

They announced a dinner is being planned on July 1 in Gurnell Hall to assist the retiring Filipino clergy. The Ladies Society and other ministries have made donations.

The Fund Raising Committee has appointed Marcia Hartman as Secretary.

The annual family picnic is planned for Sunday, August 2 in the El Dorado Fair Grounds from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. RSVP's are needed.

The Ladies Society's minutes were approved as sent.

Peter Comerford said the K of C have recently had two very successful events, they were the Dinner/Theatre production and the Golf Tournament to assist the Mother Teresa's Home.

The Faith Formation Minutes were approved as sent.

Lisa Patterson said that St. James Flores de Mayo was a great success. They had one Confirmation candidate, Paul Patterson.

Lucille reported that the Building Bridges committee has four meetings per year. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20.

Maria Quintero said the Hispanic Community is very happy to have donated \$500 to the new warmer that is now in the Gurnell Kitchen. They have also donated \$250 for the parish picnic. The next Kermes is scheduled for July 12 after the 10AM Mass that Sunday.

Denise Davidson thanked Sandee for the special article in the bulletin asking for new ministries to become involved with the Sunday Socials.

Tom Kozlowski reviewed the Financial Statement:

Total Assets: \$638,726.86

Total Liabilities and Equity: \$638,726.86

Closing:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the St. Agnes Room.

Father Hernando led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Tavano, Secretary