

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, February 12, 2016

Members in Attendance: Father Hernando Gomez, Father Walter Tabios, Maria Quintero, Mirna Taylor, Lisa Patterson, Jim Yates, Geno Davidson, Jose Garcia, Lucille Villalobos, Kathy Kasnic, Sandee Macedo, Don Morley, Pete Comerford, Sheila Tavano.

Members Absent: Jeff French, Wes Fischer, Ellen Fischer, Al Cuellar, Hope Cuellar, Carlos Alvarado, Mikol Maitland.

Opening

- President, Jim Yates, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
- Fr. Hernando Gomez lead the council in a prayer.
- Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting were approved as sent.
- St. James Society minutes were presented by Lisa Patterson and approved as read.

Pastor's Comments – Fr. Hernando Gomez

1. The roof leaks in Gurnell Hall have been repaired. The roof will need to be replaced in the near future.
2. A dishwasher has been installed in the rectory kitchen.
3. Classroom 4 has been treated for water damage/mold. Drywall and carpeting have been removed and the containment area was tested and cleared. The drywall, wallpaper and carpeting will be replaced.
4. The church choir platform area is a safety hazard. Many of our parishioners have fallen due to the steps surrounding the altar. A safer alternative involving the addition of handrails/railings needs to be implemented.

5. The re-keying of our parish buildings is almost complete. Jeanne Rheault is issuing keys to the parish organizations.
6. Jarrett Goulart has started working on updating our parish website. It will take a few months to develop the website. The new website will make on-line giving available to our parishioners and will enable parishioners to register their children for Faith Formation.
7. It has been suggested that we distribute a prayer card to all mothers for Mother's Day.

Thank you to Fr. Liebner and Fr. Cantwell for assisting Fr. Walter with confessions and the Masses during January while Fr. Hernando was on vacation.

Jim Yates stated that the air conditioning/ heating units need to be replaced or repaired in Gurnell Hall. We need to raise funds for the renovation. An overall plan needs to be implemented, e.g. as to what needs to be repaired first. The kitchen alone is expected to cost \$44,000. There are mold problems in the inner walls, speakers in rear of hall have blown out and the fluorescent lighting interferes with the sound system. A special collection was proposed to help with the expected \$1,000,000 cost of repairs. The Finance Committee will be informed of the Parish Council suggestions. Don Morley has been advising the Parish Council for years regarding the status of the Gurnell Hall and church air conditioning/heating systems. Remodeling of the choir platform is an immediate concern due to trips and falls occurring. The project is estimated to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. All parishioners will be advised to use the main altar stairs and handrails in the future. A Eucharistic Minister should bring Communion to the choir to prevent falls in the choir area. Grants may be available for the various projects.

Sheila Tavano reported that the Church Fundraising Team had their last meeting on January 5th, 2016. Sheila was elected treasurer. Four Lenten Dinner are planned after the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Volunteers are needed to provide the dinners. More details will be given at the next Parish Council meeting.

Ladies Society's Annual Day of Recollection was attended by 63 women. The Society donated \$500 to Faith Formation to help with transportation for the Confirmation students to attend the Diocesan Convention in Sacramento. The ladies also voted to donate \$2,000 to Betty Jimenez of St. James parish to help defray the medical expenses she has incurred.

Sandee Macedo said that the Upper Room and Mother Teresa Home are now self-reliant, being responsible for their insurance/bills.

Sheila spoke for the Christmas Giving Tree team stating that approximately 104 families including 289 children received gifts from all the parishioners who honored their wishes.

Jose Garcia said that the Knights of Columbus's Walk for Life was well attended. Over 50,000 people witnessed with young men and women marching. The Knights St. Patrick's Day Dinner is planned for March 5th in Gurnell Hall. Tickets are available for the knights dinner and may be purchased in the rectory office. Our district has received five new Knights. The tri tip dinner on January 31st, was very successful, over \$2,000 was raised. Thank you for your support.

The Faith Formation update was given by Kathy Kasnic. The Christmas Pageant presented Charlie Brown's Christmas Story. Kathy thanked the Ladies Society as well as the Knights of Columbus for their support. On January 24th, the Rite of Enrollment for the First Communion students was celebrated. 75 students are preparing for their first Confession and their first Communion.

The Building Bridges Program held a training session. Lucille Villalobos showed several handouts that she received at the session.

Maria Quintero said at their February 7th meeting, February 20 was chosen for their next Kermes. She was proud to announce that the Hispanic Community has a treasury of over \$10,000.

Father Hernando announced that on March 4th, from midnight to 6AM, Adoration will be held as well as confessions. Also on April 2nd, there will be Holy Hour in honor of the Year of Mercy.

Denise Davidson said the “Donuts on Sundays” are well attended.

Sandee Macedo will be providing the Financial Report from now on.

This months report states:

Total Assets are: \$640,261.23.

Total Liabilities and Equity: \$640,261.23

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila Tavano,
Secretary