

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, November 18, 2016

Classroom 2

Members in Attendance: Father Hernando Gomez, Jim Yates, Sandee Macedo, Lucille Villalobos, Mirna Taylor, Pete Comerford, Kathy Kasnic, Tom Kozlowski, Jeffrey Lubenko, Mikol Maitland, Craig Davis, Sheila Tavano.

Members Absent: Ellen Fischer, Wes Fischer, Maria Quintero, Don Morley, Geno Davidson.

Opening

- Jim Yates called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 approved as sent.

Pastor's Comments – Fr. Hernando Gomez

1. The Parochial Vicar's living quarters have been painted, the flooring installed and the bathroom fixtures replaced.
2. A new stove and griddle for the Gurnell Hall kitchen has been ordered. The decision was made to keep the cement riser in the kitchen instead of ordering a unit on castors. This will keep our cost down and also will not compromise the structural integrity of our kitchen floor. Colette is researching dishwashers, with the assistance of Joe Saindon, son of Paul Saindon. Joe works in the restaurant industry in Las Vegas and occasionally provides consulting services to individuals setting up or renovating a restaurant. A custom sink will be ordered as soon as a decision is reached on the dishwasher model.
3. A plaque commemorating the service of Sister Helen Hermreck was placed on the brick pillar in front of Gurnell Hall.
4. Our parishioners enjoyed seeing the display of the Saints of Mercy Relics which were brought to us by John Doering.
5. A commercial lighting company has replaced the bulbs in our parking lot pole lamps. They also replaced bulbs in the inaccessible high areas of the church.
6. The gutters on Cantwell Hall, Gurnell Hall and the church will be cleaned next week.
7. The corbels were installed at the rectory/office.

8. The Christmas mailer is assembled and will be sent to the parishioners next week.

9. Our Faithworks group decorated the Christmas Giving Tree that has been placed in the vestibule. Tags with names of local needy children have been placed on the tree. Thank you to all parishioners who participated in this annual program and especially thank you to the Giving Tree Committee for making this program possible.

10. Thank you to Father Liebner and Father Cantwell for assisting with confessions and the Masses while I was on my pilgrimage.

Jim Yates and Father Hernando attended a Security and Safety Meeting at the Diocese. The event was a 2 hour meeting put on by State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. Several topics of safety were discussed. However, three key points were made regarding certain situations;

1. Run (Get to safety, away from the threat, as quickly and quietly as possible.)

2. Hide if you cannot get away immediately. Be aware of cover to protect yourself from the threat. As soon as it is safe, consider getting away from the threat.

3. If you have to, fight with all you have and use whatever you can to aid in your fight.

Also, As soon as it is feasible and you can do it safely, call the police. When the police arrive, listen to their instructions, and follow their commands and instructions completely. Father received an information packet from the Diocese that he will review.

Sheila reported that the Ladies Society will be paying for the new refrigerator. The Ladies will also have a Bake Event this weekend after all Masses.

Sheila congratulated the Giving Tree Committee for the wonderful job they are doing to provide a happy Christmas for so many children. She had suggested at the Ladies Society meeting that a special recognition should be given to Al and Hope Cuellar who initially started the Giving Tree program. They also had bought the tree, decorations and lights that adorn the tree. A recognition will be placed in the church bulletin.

Jeffrey Lubenko said the Knights of Columbus are helping to provide a dinner theater this weekend. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be given to the kitchen remodeling fund. Christmas cards are still available after all weekend Masses.

The Faith Formation children will again have a float in the Placerville Christmas parade on December 4th. Their Christmas pageant is planned for December 18th in Gurnell Hall. Santa will make an appearance. The Ladies Society will provide candy canes and hot chocolate for all attending. Larry Boles suggested a See's Candy event which the Faith Formation will provide the last weekend in December. Kathy is still looking for an assistant. She now has a temp helping her. Two scouts have Father Hernando's permission to collect food, monetary donations, or gift cards for the giving tree. The second Youth Mass will be held soon.

Lucille said that not very much has happened with the Building Bridges Program. A special Mass was held on November 19th for Bishop Alphonse Gallegos.

The Spanish Community will have their Masses on Sunday, December 11th & Monday, December 12th. Monday at 5:00 a.m. is the Mananitas celebration, with pan and delicious Hot Chocolate. There will be a concert on January 7th.

Finance Report by Sandee Macedo:

A Profit and Loss, Previous Year Comparison report was distributed. Our Offertory Collections are basically unchanged from the previous year. Our income was down slightly and our expenses are also down slightly. It was noted that Tom Kozlowski has always provided the Annual Report to the Faithful to our parish. We thanked Tom for his many years of service.

Closing:

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Friday, December 9th at 7:00 PM in Classroom 2.

Father Gomez led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Sheila Tavano, Secretary