

**Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 28, 2016**

**Corrected and Approved, April 11, 2016**

**Members Present:** Alice Lujan, Barbara Kuchler, Deacon Ed, Ed Torres, Jan McClure, Joe Gallegos, Juliette Vigil, Luis Fong, Mary Fragoso, Oscar Vargas, Pixie Apodaca, Rose Marie Fierro, Veronica Ontiveros

**Members Absent:** Marta Rivera

President Ed Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00

Father Bill offered our opening prayer

Juliette read the gospel which was followed with a discussion

Minutes for the February meeting were read and approved with corrections

**Old Business:**

Clergy Update – Father Marcel is now assisting in our Cathedral; his presence is *greatly* appreciated.

Enchilada Fund Raiser - \$9,100 was generated through this fund raiser; these funds will go to our United in Ministry fund. The breakfast and salad fund raisers will continue and funds generated through these will be used for improvements at Finley Hall. The breakfast that was held on Passion Sunday included a 'new' entrée of chile colorado, potatoes, beans and eggs. All entrées were delicious.

Outreach to the poor – Our BBQ is being planned possibly for May, after school is out. There are volunteers in place, (all volunteers are welcome), to help with this event. The 'box of food' initiative is being well received. The Social Justice Committee is meeting to plan and organize the logistics for this. The proposed Health Fair initiative which will be sponsored by an insurance company is also in progress.

**New Business:**

Julie Carrick, who will be leading a Mission at our Cathedral on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, (morning and evening), will also be singing with some of our Sunday Mass choir groups.

**Father Bill's Corner:**

Cathedral renovation – The nichos for our Blessed Mother and Jesus are complete, beautiful outstanding!! In the future, an area near the nichos may be designated to place candles and flowers.

The crucifix of our Lord and Savior, Jesus is breathtaking! There have been countless positive comments about it! Because of its height, it's a bit challenging to cover, as is done during Lent, however this is being worked out.

Our new sound system is a greatly improved one! Hubbard Sound Systems which was contracted to upgrade our system spent quality time assessing the needs for our Church and the results have been wonderful. It will allow for each choir group to program and save the settings for their group's preference!! Head phones for the hearing impaired, which could be incorporated into our sound system, are being considered for our Church. Father Bill is looking into the cost for this. There will be speakers in the foyer in the future. This will be beneficial to those who need to step out into the foyer for different reasons during Mass, (restless children, coughing, etc.). It was noted that at times there is too much noise in the foyer when Mass is taking place. A suggestion to help with this is to post signs in the foyer about maintaining silence in the there while Mass or other services are taking place.

The speakers for our Organ are presently inoperable, but they will be in time.

The temperature inside our Church is a continuous challenge...

Mission with Father John Riley – This was a very inspirational Mission that surely benefitted those in attendance. There was an abundance of profound spiritual food about Our Lord's passion and death to appreciate, digest and ponder for weeks/months to come. Father Riley devoted hours of his time to hearing confessions, and a great number of persons took advantage of this wonderful service. Expanding the time allotted for hearing confessions is something Father Bill is considering. There is a need to designate waiting areas for those in line to go to confession to assure the privacy of those in the confessional.

Holy Thursday – Our Mass and its traditions were beautifully observed and carried out. It was inspirational to see SO many parishioners involved. The 'washing of the feet' was executed in a different than usual manner at the request of Bishop Cantú; it was graceful and beautiful to witness.

Good Friday – It was a tremendous blessing that the Stations of the Cross were attended by MANY more people than in recent times.

Living the Eucharist – This has been a very positive experience for our first year initiative/ participants. A one day retreat to culminate the first year of the initiative will take place April 16<sup>th</sup> for all registered/involved participants. Some of the small group participants will continue meeting for fellowship and spiritual growth.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:20 with a prayer by Father Bill.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Lujan, Recorder