

**Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary
Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2016
Amended and Approved, May 9, 2016**

Members Present: Alice Lujan, Barbara Kuchler, Ed Torres, Joe Gallegos, Mary Fragoso, Oscar Vargas, Pixie Apodaca, Rose Marie Fierro, Veronica Ontiveros, Father Marcel

Members Absent: Deacon Ed, Jan McClure, Juliette Vigil, Luis Fong, Marta Rivera

President Ed Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00
Father Bill offered our opening prayer
Ed read the gospel which was followed with a discussion
Minutes for the March meeting were read, and approved with a correction

Old Business:

Revisit Parish Registration – This is an effort that will be taken up during the summer months, hopefully to begin after school is out. A significant issue with this venture is the technology/software needed to accomplish it successfully; there is much to consider to bring it to fruition.

New Business:

Convoy of Hope – After Father Bill spoke with Bishop Cantú about involvement in this venture, (a first for our Diocese), it was decided that Priests from our Diocese will participate in this interdenominational venture by hearing confessions. An area/tent will be set up for this.

Parishioners request for financial report – Father Bill provided a comprehensive, up to date Statement of Financial Position for the Parish Council to review at this meeting. An IHM financial status report is published in our Sunday bulletin once a year in July. It was suggested that a monthly report be published as well. Large debt that had been incurred by our Parish in the past is gradually being paid off, and due to responsible financial management, our Parish is presently financially strong.

The remodeling of our IHM Parish, as per Deacon Bob's model, will hopefully take place in about a year. IHM's united in ministry funds will hopefully allow for this to begin and be accomplished.

The health fair that was recently held at Finley Hall had a good outcome, even though it was not heavily attended.

Our Sunday morning breakfast after each Mass will take place on the 17th, and the Crystal Salad Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 19th. Tickets are pre-sold for the salad luncheon, and there

were only a few remaining tickets to sell. The funds from these ventures will be used for 'fixing up' Finley Hall. The tile that will be installed there is to be done by Casey Carpet.

Our newly installed speakers are working beautifully; adjustments that need to be made anywhere in the church can be done with an app on a smart phone, (for example if the volume is too low it can be adjusted in this manner).

Once again it was noted that our Living the Eucharist initiative was a very positive experience for our Parish and parishioners! The number of participants was exceptional. We look forward to the next phase of LE.

Father Bill's Corner – Msgr. Getz will be celebrating his fifty fifth anniversary on May 26th!! He considers IHM to be his Parish, to our delight! There will be a breakfast to celebrate his anniversary at Finley Hall after Mass on that day. All are welcome!!

Father Marcel has a twin brother in Nigeria who is also a priest!! He is hoping to serve in our country in the future.

The ACTS program in our Parish appears to be in need of assessment to assure that it conforms to its intended mission and so that its goals are in compliance with the San Antonio guidelines from which our program was initiated. Father Bill is looking into how best to redirect the program to accomplish this.

There was discussion on the 'Heart of Mary Award' that Father Bill presents to a deserving individual or individuals at our Harvest Fest. Father recognizes that there are SO many parishioners who are very deserving of this award, and it's not easy to select recipients for this...there are many hard working volunteers in our Parish!! Thank you!!

Our 1:00 Mass is in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and ushers. Father Bill will make an announcement at Mass of this need in hopes of encouraging volunteers to participate in these ministries which come with countless blessings. Another suggestion is to sponsor a 'Ministry Fair' which will bring new volunteers for these ministries.

Traffic congestion in our parking lot continues to be a challenge due to parishioners either leaving from Mass or arriving for the next Mass at the same time.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a prayer by Father Marcel.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Lujan, recorder