

Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary
Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016

Amended and Approved, September 12, 2016

Members Present: Father Bill, Alice Lujan, Barbara Kuchler, Deacon Ed, Ed Torres, Jan McClure, Luis Fong, Mary Fragoso, Oscar Vargas, Pixie Apodaca, Veronica Ontiveros

Members Absent: Joe Gallegos, Juliette Vigil, Marta Rivera, Rose Marie Fierro

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

Father Bill offered our opening prayer

Barbara Kuchler read the gospel which was followed with a discussion

Minutes for the June meeting were read and approved

Old Business: Parish Registration –The Parish Council felt gratified by the response to our registration drive. Many parishioners registered either at the tables set up for this purpose in the foyer, by taking a registration form home and returning it to the church or to the office, or by stopping by the office to complete a registration form.

Alphonse Andrew who set up a computer for registration data to be entered gave an update on the input of data including:

-Between 500/600 forms have been entered.

-The new data base will be implemented by January, 2017.

-All registration data is confidential, (forms completed and turned in at the registration tables or at the office are monitored by PPC volunteers or office staff to protect the confidentiality of parishioners).

-Some of the forms had information that was unclear due to legibility and incomplete and/or unclear information.

There was a discussion about the progress of registration following Mr. Andrew's update. It was determined and agreed that PPC volunteers will contact individuals whose registration forms are either incomplete or have questionable data by phone to clarify and/or complete such data.

There was discussion on encouraging adult, employed individuals who reside with their parents to register and contribute to our Parish independently through the use of contribution envelopes.

Renovation: Father Bill gave the following update on the progress of our Cathedral renovation:

-Following Deacon Bob's model, our Cathedral will have a Spanish Colonial design.

-The rotunda portion of the altar will be painted in two complementary earth tone colors. The red tile vertical lines will be removed. Near the rotunda wall there will be a pedestal for our tabernacle. There will be a removable wooden platform slightly away from the rotunda with three burial vaults for bishops underneath the platform. It is

traditional for the remains of bishops to be buried in their assigned cathedral if they so desire.

-The altar will have a marble top with a mahogany base.

-The ambo and other altar furniture will also be mahogany to complement the altar.

-There will be a new Guadalupe image on the north side of the altar area and a corresponding image of the Divine Mercy of equal dimensions on the south side of the altar area.

-The Columbarium will be located where the entrance doors presently are on the north side, (as per Deacon Bob's model).

-Father Bill has looked at furniture fabricators and is investigating how we might be able to purchase furniture closer to home and less expensive.

New Business: RCIA, Youth Ministry – There are over 50 persons registered for RCIA. This is the highest number ever! Our youth ministry under the direction of Irene Gomez is developing well. Luis Barela will be working with high school youth and Ivan Enriquez will work with middle school youth.

Recycle Program – This initiative, under the direction of Joe Gallegos is under way. More information on this is forth coming.

The process for PPC elections will begin in September

Other: Prayer time with St. Vincent de Paul recipients has become a very positive evangelistic effort. Some recipients have even become registered IHM members!

Our Crystal Salad luncheon is sold out!!

Having a Ministry Fair is under consideration.

Harvest Fest – A letter is being sent to all liturgical heads of ministries to encourage active participation of all ministries in promoting and carrying out efforts to share the work and responsibilities necessary for another successful Harvest Fest. It is no longer an option to have only a few dedicated individuals carry out the exhaustive work needed for a successful harvest fest.

With a desire to help the San Pedro del Cerro Mission in Vado, NM which was recently vandalized, Barbara Kuchler made a request to have our IHM Parish make a monetary donation to help with the restoration of their church. Following a discussion on this a motion was made and unanimously passed to have a second collection at our Sunday Masses on a given weekend that can possibly be matched by available IHM funds to help with the restoration.

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

Respectfully submitted by Alice Lujan, recorder