

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2016
Corrected and Approved November 14, 2016

Members Present: Alice Lujan, Deacon Ed, Ed Torres, Joe Gallegos, Luis Fong, Mary Fragoso, Oscar Vargas, Pixie Apodaca, Rose Marie Fierro, Veronica Ontiveros

Members Absent: Barbara Kuchler, Jan McClure, Juliette Vigil, Marta Rivera,

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

Father Bill offered our opening prayer

Joe Gallegos read the gospel which was followed with a discussion

Minutes for the September meeting were read and approved with amendments

New Business: Proposal to amend PPC Bylaws: President Torres proposed the following changes to the PPC Constitution/Bylaws: A new member may become an officer after serving one year on the Council. This allows members to become familiar with procedures followed in the meetings before serving as an officer. Members may be excused from serving as a Council member after three unexcused absences from the meetings. The person with the next highest votes will be invited to take the place of the person being excused. A motion to accept the changes to the Constitution/Bylaws was unanimously approved with corrections.

Outgoing PPC member presentation: Certificates were presented to outgoing members Mary Fragoso and Oscar Vargas. A photo of these members with Father Bill was taken and will be sent to them. Other outgoing members, Jan McClure and Juliette Vigil were not present to receive their certificates.

Old Business: San Pedro Del Cerro Mission update: Ed Torres and Barbara Kuchler recently attended Mass at San Pedro Del Cerro Mission to present them with IHM's donation of \$3,400 to help with repairs after their Parish was vandalized. Thereafter, Father Eleazar Perez-Rodriguez, who is Pastor at San Pedro Del Cerro Mission extended an invitation to IHM to attend a Reunification Mass/Banquet held on Friday, October 7th. This was held at San Jose Church in La Mesa, NM and included the Parishes from San Pedro Del Cerro, San Miguel and La Mesa. Those who attended the banquet from IHM were Gloria and Juliette Vigil and Harry and Alice Lujan.

Renovation: Renovation plans at IHM continue at a possible cost of \$158,000. Rather than constructing a platform where the burial vaults for our bishops would be placed, a wooden insert on the altar floor may be installed instead with space for one burial vault. The cost for plastering the rotunda is about \$1,900. Jose Guerrero will make the frames for our Guadalupe and Divine Mercy images.

Sound System – Hearing Assist System: Paul Bosselait presented information about individual hearing devices that are compatible with the sound system in our church and can be used by hearing impaired parishioners. The devices are about the size of an iPhone and must be used with ear phones. Parishioners who have volunteered to test them have been very satisfied with

the quality of the sound, and have been very happy to be able to hear what is going on during Mass. IHM currently has four of these devices for parishioners to test. Anyone interested in purchasing one of these will be able to do so at a cost of about \$90.

There was an inquiry about installing speakers on the side walls in our church as some parishioners continue to ask for better sound. Since the walls are made of concrete it would be astronomical to accomplish this. Our present sound system is a greatly improved one.

Harvest Fest - Things are progressing well for our Harvest Fest. Tarps and stages will be set up. The White elephant sale is organized and ready as well. Tents will be set up with seating for those who attend. Supplies for the booths will be dispersed Friday evening.

PPC Election – There are fourteen candidates who have accepted nominations to serve as council members. Their photos and biographies will be posted in the foyer of the Church on October 23rd and 24th; voting will take place that same weekend. Tallying the votes will take place Monday the 25th.

Parish Registration – IHM will continue inviting new parishioners to register both from the pulpit and in our Sunday bulletin.

Father Bill's Corner – The neighborhood BBQ which addresses outreach to our community was very successful. Four hundred tickets to attend were distributed; approximately 130 persons attended. There was good food, music, face painting and other enjoyable activities.

A full moon youth Mass at White Sands National Park was held on October 16th. More than 100 persons attended this event where hot dogs and hamburgers were served and volleyball was enjoyed.

Forty persons are currently enrolled in our RCIA program.

Other – Holy Cross Church has donated fifty chairs to our ACTS program for their use during the ACTS retreats.

Our Recycle program initiative will continue after our Harvest Fest.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. with prayers from Father Bill.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Lujan, Recorder