

St. Augustine Catholic Church

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

May 23, 2006

Katharine Anderson	Paula Mierzwa	Father Mike Schmied	Margaret R. Warren
William Knapp	Fidel Rubio	Alberto Torres	Rosalia West
Mary Lou Marple	Anthony Sadowski	Amber Vojtecky	Rebecca Wood

Prayer and Reflection

Bill and Margaret led prayer and reflection by reading from Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. The question asked was, "How did Peter get the Gentiles to understand they were part of God's people as well as the Jews?"

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted with changes and will be posted on the bulletin board and the church's website.

Parish Voice

Mary Lou reported that the door to room 13-14 was left propped open with a piece of rug on Sunday evening. Everyone needs to make sure the church is secure when they leave. Fidel said the nursery was also left open.

Bill reminded us of the letter that was written about Ash Wednesday. He would like to thank Bunny for her good job of working with the ushers to organize events since then.

Mary Lou didn't get anything about the nursery coverage. Rebecca's friend is asking \$12 per hour and a finder's fee.

Father Mike gave the Worship Committee the responsibility of nursery coverage. Bill was asked to check with Bunny on this, as the Worship Committee was going to get with Rebecca about coverage through her friend.

Mary Lou reported that there are approximately 900 families in the parish that are unidentifiable out of 1700 families on the roster. A pastoral call needs to be made to these people to see if they are still coming to St. Augustine. Once Mary Lou gets the group together, she will ask the help of Council with this issue.

Committee Voice

Father Mike brought up the fact that a lot of Committee Chairs are not showing up for Parish Pastoral Council meetings. Rebecca suggested maybe sending a letter to them, letting them know they need to be here.

There are no chairs for Parish Life, Justice & Peace and Stewardship. Mary Lou reported that the three committees without a chair do not operate by a committee structure. Members are very interested in commitment, but no one wants to be Committee Chair.

Hispanic Committee:

The following activities are planned:

1. Mother's Day celebration on May 14, 2006. There was music, food, poems read, etc. Flowers were given to the oldest mother and the mother with the most children in church with her at the 1 pm and 6 pm masses. There was also a raffle for prizes. Almost 200 people came to this event.
2. We created a sub-committee for the Father's Day Celebration on June 18, 2006.
3. Pentecost Day is June 3, 2006. The Rosary will be said for nine days. The Charismatic group is working on this.
4. The Annual Retreat that was set for June 24, 2006 has been suspended for now.
5. The summer trip for August 19, 2006 will be to Luray Caverns. There are two busses with 55 seats each. The tickers are \$25.00 per person. We are working on a group discount to the caverns. The discount tickers will be \$13.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. The cost of the buses is \$908.00.
6. There was a meeting for the St. Augustine Feast held on May 19, 2006. There will be a pig roast, play, decorations, and a book sale featuring the book of confessions. Alberto asked if we could announce that t-shirts will be on sale at the church picnic to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine. These shirts will have a picture of St. Augustine on the left breast. He has an estimate of \$7.25 for the cost of the shirts and they will sell for \$10. A master of ceremonies is needed for this feast. Clean up after this event will be the Hispanic Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. Mary Lou suggested that we recognize everyone that turns 60 this year, as this is a special celebration year for Father Mike. Bill sent a sign-up sheet around for clean up.
7. The Lector's workshop is this Friday with our new coordinator, Isabel León.
8. There will be an Usher's workshop on May 5, 2006. Participation was low, so there will be another one soon.
9. The Hispanic Fair was held on May 7, 2006.
10. There will be workshop on buying and selling a house on May 27, 2006. So far, eight people have signed for this workshop.
11. There will be a Corpus Christi celebration on June 18, 2006 after the 1 pm mass.

3-Year Plan

Teresa and Bill - "Welcoming". Bill talked with several people and the suggestion was made we have a board with pictures of new parish families for all to see. Bill has been to the Hispanic masses and they are very welcoming.

Father Mike advised there is a committee in place to take pictures of new parishioners. We could make a poster of pictures and place the pictures at a different entrance for each mass. Someone would have to have responsibility for the pictures. The office can download digital pictures. Bill will solicit people for this committee and ask Charlie Riley to take photos one Sunday per month. Louis Segura could take pictures at the 1 pm and 6 pm masses. Bill talked with the ushers about putting the poster with pictures up at the main entrance to the church and at the entrance from the education hall and they wanted no part of that responsibility.

Tony and Alberto – Space Needs. So far they have had 3 meetings for this. The major focus is on hold because no one knows whether or not we will be building a new building. Promoting people to give more money for building fund will be a challenge. We need one-third of the mortgage if we are building a new section. How can we accomplish that? The council needs to come up with a plan as to how we can do these things.

Bill has ordered a plaque for Richard with a VISA gift card. So far, no one has made contact with Richard to present these to him.

The next meeting will be June 20th. Bill will be away and Tony and Alberto will chair the meeting. Refreshments and Prayer and Reflection will be led by Carole and Angy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula A. Mierzwa