

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 27, 2005

Angy Acosta	Teresa Moreira	Sue Ruppel	Rosalia West
Katharine Anderson	Richard Poprik	Consuelo Segura	Bunny Fitzpatrick
DJ Belcher	Maria Elena Rosales	Anthony Sadowski	Father Paddy Cannon
Tracy Belcher	Fidel Rubio	Alberto Torres	

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Prayer and reflection was based on the Gospel Reading for September 25, Matthew 21:28-32. The question of the week was “When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?”

WELCOME

Bunny Fitzpatrick who is the Worship Committee’s new Chairperson was introduced and welcomed as a new member to Council.

We discussed the ongoing issue regarding members of the Parish Pastoral Council missing meetings and not letting anyone know they are unable to attend. The Executive Committee will address this issue at their next meeting.

PARISH VOICE

A concern was raised over misuse of the attic space. Teresa stated that table cloths, fabric, vases, and flower arrangements have been disappearing. Bunny reported that this has been a long-standing, ongoing problem. It has been addressed with one person in particular to no avail. Some remedies that were discussed were possibly re-keying the locks to the attic, a letter addressing the issue which would be sent to all Committee Chairs, and a possible sign-in/sign-out sheet to track any items borrowed. It was also suggested that this issue be discussed with Fr. Mike and possibly a pulpit announcement could be made. Alberto and Bunny are going to look into this issue further.

The issue of the sound system came up again. DJ agreed to arrange with Tim to evaluate what is needed in terms of a new sound system. Angy brought up that a parishioner had offered to pay for a sound system for the nursery. She has called him to see if he is still willing to do this but has not heard back from him yet.

George Cranford manages our Parish website and has done so via band aids and patches for quite some time. We need to find a new hosting site. One such site costs approximately \$120.00 annually. It will allow for the better retention of information, mailboxes on the website, and pictures. This may need to go through the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Finance Committee and Fr. Mike. Tony will check with Donna Guza of the Bingo Committee regarding the possibility of a special throwaway card for one night at Bingo to raise the necessary funds for this project.

COMMITTEE VOICE

Christian Formation Committee

Angy mentioned that all religious education classes are full to the brim. She also requested that she get a list of the Hispanic children that attend Confirmation and Quest that are also Mass Servers so that they do not get assigned to serve at the 6:00 pm mass on the Sundays they also have Religious Education.

Worship Committee

Bunny reports that the Worship Committee will be implementing many changes in the near future to ensure that all liturgies are meeting the requirements of our faith. Liturgy planning for events will now require that the Worship Committee be involved to be sure that compliance with the requirements are met. The committee plans to step up to assist Fr. Mike and the Liturgical Ministers in the celebration of our faith, not to plan the liturgy.

Stewardship Committee

Sarah Spain has stepped down as Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee and therefore will no longer be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. No replacement for her has been discerned to date.

Hispanic Committee

Alberto reports that the Hispanic part of our community is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, 2005. They celebrated Children's Day on September 18th. They held the "Tour of Latin America" in the Church Hall on September 25th, and it was a success. They had the participation of both the Hispanic and non-Hispanic members of our community, and they will continue to encourage the non-Hispanic community to participate in Hispanic activities. More activities are scheduled for the next three Sundays: an Arts & Crafts Sale from Latin American countries (October 2); an Exposition of Photographs & Video from Guatemala (October 9); and a Dinner and Dance Gala (October 15). They invite the Parish Pastoral Council and the rest of the community to attend these wonderful events.

The Charismatic group will have a retreat on October 8 and 9 at the Roslyn Center. Young adults will have the Diocesan encounter on October 8 at Camp Hanover at 1:30 pm. There will be a workshop for married couples on October 1, 2005.

On August 28 they had both income tax and W-7 forms preparation in order to obtain an ITIN (an Internal Revenue Service issued Tax Identification Number) for tax purposes. On August 26 the Young Adults presented a movie titled "Voces Inocentes" (Innocent Voices). The movie was related to the Salvadorian war. They also held two workshops for lectors because of the addition of a second mass in Spanish. They are also looking to reorganize the money counters for the collections every Sunday. They have a new coordinator for money counters.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Sue said she heard comments at St. Augustine Feast Day Celebration that some of the participants wished there had been tables set up. Others heard that comment made during the celebration as well. With that

exception, the people who attended the St. Augustine Feast Day celebration appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

GIVING THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERS DINNER

The Giving Thanks Dinner is scheduled for November 19th. Fr. Mike will be away at a retreat and asked if it might be held in January or February. Richard would like to see it in January if possible, perhaps around Epiphany. Open dates on the calendar are always an issue. No dates were available in February. January 21, 2006, is the new date for the Giving Thanks Dinner. Teresa and Katharine will begin to do preliminary planning for this event. One issue will be how to accommodate the large number of volunteers we wish to honor at this event. A possibility is to seat half before and half after the 5:30 pm Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

Discernment will take place Saturday, October 8th at 1:00 pm. Sue, DJ, Tracy, Teresa, Fidel, Alberto, and Katharine all committed to attend and bring some type of small refreshment. Anyone who is unable to attend needs to e-mail Richard.

REVIEW OF MEETING

The minutes for the July 26th meeting were approved with no changes.

The next meeting will be on October 25th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula A. Mierzwa, Secretary