

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Minutes

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019

Classroom 2

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Father Hernando Gomez, Jim Yates, Geno Davidson, Lupita Gonzalez, Kathy Kasnic, Maria Quintero, Jeannine Delgado, Elizabeth Santana, Lucille Villalobos, Sheila Tavano.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Davis, Mikol Maitland.

GUESTS: Colette Polaski, Denise Davidson.

Jim Yates, President, opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Father Hernando Gomez led the council in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent.

St. James absent.

PASTORS COMMENTS: FATHER HERNANDO GOMEZ

1. On January 28th, we received an email from the Jerry Del Core, the CEO of the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. He was informing us that they are starting their due diligence regarding the transfer of St. Patrick Cemetery from our parish to Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. He gave us a list of questions and requested a few reports from us. We have responded to his request and we are now waiting for their review and the next steps in the process for the transfer.
2. This year, the Priests' Retreat week will take place from May 6th to the 10th. Following Bishop Soto's recommendation, Daily Mass and Adoration will be cancelled on those days. During that week, Mass will be said at the Carmelite Monastery.
3. In preparing for the Holy Week, I would like your input to determine if one Bilingual Mass should be scheduled on Holy Thursday or two separate Masses, one in English and one in Spanish.
4. Finance Report/Update.

The Parish Council, after much discussion with a motion made and seconded, agreed to have two Masses on Holy Thursday, April 18th, 6PM in English and 8PM in Spanish.

Jim Yates mentioned that the Gurnell Hall Committee has not yet met. It was then decided to hold the meeting on Thursday March 14th at 6:30PM. He also reported that Gurnell Hall needs refurbishing. The ceiling tiles need to be replaced. Andy Capeder did an excellent job in cleaning and painting the ceiling tiles. Jim said the MTMH Board are willing to furnish a rod to be placed in front of the stage window making it easy to hang drapes for all events. Problems with parking in the loading dock driveway was discussed. This area is a fire lane and may only be used for loading and unloading.

Colette Polaski said that two women have been chosen as the Women of the Year from the Ladies Society; they are Vilma Sirovatka and Edna Curran. She also said three Lenten Dinners have been planned, March 8th, March 22nd, and April 12th. The Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on May 11th in Gurnell Hall.

The Knights of Columbus annual Golf Tournament this year will be combined with Holy Trinity. It is to be held on May 20th at the Cameron Park Golf Course. Geno Davidson said the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be held on March 16th in Gurnell Hall.

Kathy Kasnic said this year's Walk for Life, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, worked out very well. The Knights also provided lunch for the youth. Jeannine said the Valentines' Day Dance was postponed because of the weather conditions. It will be held at a later date. She requested new or slightly used Bibles be donated for the youth of the parish who do not have Bibles of their own. The Diocese has asked for a three day multi-parish service event to be held in June. It has not been scheduled as yet.

Maria Quintero reported that the Hispanic Community have taken a break but will meet next Thursday, February 28th. A Kermes is scheduled for March 10th after the 12:30 Mass.

Due to the absence of Mikol Maitland, there was no Facility Advisory Report.

Lupita reported on the Church Operating- Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison, January 2019. She explained that all accounts have not been reconciled. The parish's Gross Profit was \$66,960.77, the total expenses for the parish operations was \$62,221.91 and the bequest donations were \$6,170 bringing the Net Income for January to a positive \$10,908.86. February may not reflect such favorable amounts due to the severe weather conditions we had the past weeks. Lupita asked that the Parish Council determine if we should rent (for the amount of \$700) the El Dorado Fair Grounds for the annual picnic. After input from the council members, it was determined that the parish picnic/gathering take place at the parish grounds. Seating will be available in Gurnell Hall as well as the courtyard.

Denise Davidson suggested an Earth Day Project be held here on the Saturday after Earth Day, April 27th, to include all ministries and parishioners who would like to take part. Colette suggested that the event also encompass the cleaning of the catacombs by the different ministries/organizations. Sheila Tavano made a motion to adopt the program and Geno Davidson seconded. Passed by the Council.

The next meeting is planned for Friday, March 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Father Hernando Gomez gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Tavano,

Secretary