

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES: OCTOBER 05, 2020**

**St. George Catholic Church**

Members of the Parish Council met at 6:00pm in Kuzy Hall, St. George, UT with two members present via Skype due to the isolation guidelines regarding the Coronavirus pandemic.

Present in Kuzy Hall: Father Dave Bittmenn, Tim Kockler, Rita Cohen, Carole Drake, Don Drake, Mariana Lawrentz, Ricardo Martinez, and Sheila Redman. Present via Skype: Juan Carbajal and Jane Mruczek.

Absent: Father Kelechi Alozie, Deacon Rigoberto Aguirre, Deacon Rogaciano Tellez, and Angie Gomez.

Father Dave opened the meeting with a prayer after which Tim called for approval of the September minutes. Sheila Redman made the motion to approve the minutes and Carole Drake seconded.

Rita Cohen then gave a detailed report regarding Cinco.

9/05-06 \$2061.05 9/12-13 \$3196.95 9/19-20 \$3989.10 9/26-27 \$2590.00 **TOTAL: \$11,838.10**

Expenses totaled \$920.00. Donations: \$245.00 Our usual net had been around \$14,000.

Because of the way Cinco was conducted this year, expenses were low. We didn't need to rent a dumpster, porta-potties, wash station; we didn't need a stage, bounced houses, a DJ, two freezers, or city food permits. Permits weren't needed because everything was done within our parish and activities were not opened to the public. Most of the food was donated by the people who prepared and cooked the food. The idea of doing this every weekend or once a month was suggested. It was pointed out that, if we did food sales more frequently, we would definitely need more workers.

The money from Cinco is basically used in our church, but, at times, some money may be donated to other causes. If enough money came in from weekly or monthly sales, perhaps some could be donated to the new parish. It was also mentioned that people like raffles and are looking more for basic food rather than desserts. The Council may consider a monthly "Cinco" just for the parish. Two issues have to be considered: we cannot invite non-parishioners and we have to remember that, with word of mouth, popularity usually explodes.

Juan Carbajal pointed out that 30-50% of our sales were made by phone orders. To avoid the problem of permits, we need to stress advanced orders; we need to push for phone-in orders.

Tim summarized: have once-a-month sales and, regarding Cinco next year, we need to cut costs. Rita reminded us that we would also need more people to take orders and payments.

Father Dave told the council that Sharon Paetzke had the next highest number of votes for the position on the Parish Council. Father will call Sharon to see if she is willing to take Helen Salvatore's place.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 02, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane H. Mruczek