

Santa Catalina Catholic Church Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting  
February 25<sup>th</sup>

Meeting was called to order by Fr. Larry at 7pm

People Present: Fr. Larry Sanders, Tim Mosman, Dacia Daigle, Ginny Pergantis, Bernie Murphy, Laura Oldaker, John Elofson, Marlyn Guttierrez,-Malave and Deacon Al de la Riva.

People Absent: Joe Rink, Bruce Uhl, Steve Chavez, Diane Laroque and Maddie Hubly

Fr. Larry opened with prayer

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by John Elofson and seconded by Ginny Pergantis. Laura Oldaker abstained.

Knights of Columbus

Keith Kleppe introduced himself as the current grand knight and the upcoming grand knight James Weston. He discussed a need for more solid communication between K of C, parishioners and pastoral council. Keith's view of Knights in general and at Santa Catalina fits into his first goal in life. That is to get to heaven through the Catholic Church. The Knights offer many tools to get there. Their purpose is to raise money and give it away through their organizations. He's concerned that people see Knights as "them". They don't want that. They want a spirit of cooperation with parish and pastoral council (PC): charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They are involved in many things at the parish. They do more than sell newspapers and tickets, etc. They are open to doing more to help here at the parish. They want a positive attitude toward the Knights. Suggestion from PC on how to get word out to parishioners: bullet points in bulletins and other thoughts suggested. Aging demographics of KofC and declining recruitment was discussed.

Laura: Suggested having the Knights help support the teen's needs. Nice marriage of the two groups. Labor provided by teens and money to support teen program donated by K of C.

Crucifix and Church

Starting to get more positive comments than negative. The more time people see it the more they like it.

Bernie received calls about the crucifix. Some like it some don't.

There is the "undivided" middle group that can be swayed. We on PC can help promote positive attitude.

Bernie: Some ask why does Fr. Larry continue to clutter up the altar? Answer, it now looks like a church.

Projector screen now installed through a wireless computer. Father Larry explained the details and its purpose.

Fr. Larry: Victoria resigned as music director. Looking for new director.

#### New Parishioners:

Ginny: Called all the newcomers. Based on calls, three definitely attending, and three maybes. We ended up with a great turnout. Eight extra people showed up. All met in the conference room first and it went wonderfully. There was a little glitch with the reserved table. From now on a council member will remain at the reserved table during the conference room meeting.

Dacia: we need nametags for the new parishioners at the next breakfast on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dacia & Joe will not be at the newcomers breakfast in May. Ginny will lead discussion in conference room.

#### Lenten Mission

Ticket sales for the mission scheduled March 10-12<sup>th</sup> are going slow. 600 will be sold. Only 120 sold so far. Booth will talk at masses and play at fist weekend of lent. 400 tickets must be sold to breakeven.

#### Strong Catholic Families

This is a nationwide well-known program. Series of talks, presentations and sharing's. Goal of program, if you know more about your faith it will make you more comfortable with it and thus you will share/pass it on to the next generation. This is a pilot program. We are one of twelve parishes involved in Tucson. Suggestions were made to Father Larry for families who may be able to participate.

#### Ramada/New Patio

Paul Owsen will draw plans for possible new 400 square foot patio. It will be located just north of the church in between the church and parish hall. The patio would be used for events/activities now happening in front the church. Estimates to build the patio will also be reviewed.

#### New Area/Road Construction

A letter of interest to buy the property immediately in front of Santa Catalina for \$200,000 was sent to the county. We want the road in before expansion work on Oracle begins. We have two parishioners that will finance the 6.2 acre purchase.

#### Marlyn Fundraisers

Fr. Larry: What can we do?

Ideas were discussed. Spirit of Motherhood (SOM) to work on and sponsor fundraising events.

#### Comments Around the room:

Laura: Noticed a lot of intolerance among groups. As a Catholic church we need to be more united, promote more love and compassion. PC needs to lead this charge and

set the tone for our parish. Bernie and Fr. Larry noted that immigration meeting was run well, with no intolerance noted. Laura also stated that SOM did not get pulpit time as originally planned; the purpose of this was to inform parish of who and what SOM is. Council members suggested inviting SOM to next March meeting for a presentation to PC. Dacia to invite.

Alfonso: Discussed healing mass and Hispanic community's positive response to new crucifix.

Tim: Market on the move was a success; they had around 600 people attend. He is excited to say RCIA has 3 baby baptisms and 10 baptisms on Holy Saturday.

John: Wife Deborah is finally home ☺ but still has 8 weeks to recover.

Next Meeting  
March 25 at 7 pm

Adjourned at 8:45