

Santa Catalina Catholic Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
March 25, 2014

In attendance Diana Larroque, Ginny Pergantis, Joe Rink, Dacia Daigle, Laura Oldaker, Fr. Larry Sanders, Steve Chavez and Bernie Murphy. Absent are Bruce Uhl, Marlyn Gutierrez, Tim Mossman and Deacon Al De La Riva.

At 7:03 the meeting was called to order and Fr. Larry open with a Prayer.

The Spirit of Motherhood Ministry made a presentation and shared their activities as well as their mission. Presenting were Terri Mossman, Martina Kimball, and Chris Hubly. They shared information about the Spirit of Motherhood ministry which is open to all Moms of any age. They also identified one of their biggest challenges for their ministry is that their activities are not well known in the parish. Members offered suggestions including pulpit talks, flyers in the bulletin, and plain and simple constant face to face recruiting.

John Elofson made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, Ginny Pergantis seconded with all in favor of approval. Laura identified a typo in the meeting agenda and the corrected the statement to read "approval of February Minutes."

Old Business

Easter Services- Fr. Larry advised that there will be 7 PM Easter Vigil Mass along with a 7AM on Easter Sunday, 2 Masses at 9AM and 11AM. There will be no 12:30PM Mass nor a 5PM Mass on Easter Sunday. Knights will direct traffic for the 9 and 11 AM Masses. He also asked if Pastoral Council members would be available to direct parishioners to the overflow Masses as necessary.

Joe Rink asked the church be opened on Good Friday from noon to three as it should be so that parishioners could be in church at the time our Lord was on the cross. Fr. Larry advised he would speak with Staci about opening the church during that time period.

Fr. Larry and several staff members will be attending a Dioceses sponsored training meeting on April 5th to initiate the *Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth Initiative*. He is looking for lay people from the parish to participate as hosts and facilitators. John Elofson will see if he is free for the training program. Fr. Larry also indicated that this program will be a major effort for the parish and other proposed programs will be deferred until the Strong Catholic Family initiative is completed.

Fr. Larry advised the architect that designed the church was making a presentation to the building committee on Thursday. The presentation is for a concept of a patio and ramada to be build adjacent to the entrance to the church. It was agreed by several members that

this was a good idea as the space would be well utilized and it would move sales and solicitations by various groups away from the church entrance.

Fr. Larry advised the county has refused to entertain the bid for land adjacent to Oracle Rd. made by the Parish. The county responded that they cannot entertain (by law) less than 90 percent of appraised value for the land. The parish will have our own appraisal done but if not close to the county figure, a third independent appraisal may be required. The parish will have to pay for our appraisal and to half the independent appraisal if necessary.

He also advised the construction is now at a critical period as construction is planned to start April 15th and at some point they will take one lane of our current exit lanes to build the animal overpass. We need to build a second egress or traffic will be a significant problem. We run the risk of losing parishioners because of traffic problems.

New Business

Joe Rink announced both he and Ginny Pergantis would be resigning from the New Parishioner Welcoming Committee but remaining on the council. While he will be leaving early May for the summer Ginny will be at the May 18th pancake breakfast. Both were thanked for their efforts. Fr. Larry said we would need to find new leadership for this program. There were no volunteers at that time.

Both Joe and Ginny strongly suggested we follow up the invitation to the breakfast with an additional contact to try to gain new parishioner involvement in parish activities and ministries.

Fr. Larry advised he would like to conduct another Listening Session Program in June as a follow up to the session conducted last year. Although he was disappointed at the turnout he is hoping we will see a better response this year.

Around the Room

Fr. Larry said he was very proud of the way the parish responded to support Marlyn Gutierrez and family.

Dacia said she was also amazed with everyone's generosity and related several interactions she had with parishioners during the S.O.M. initiative to support Marlyn.

Bernie advised Bruce could not attend the meeting but had spoken with him. Bruce advised his wife, Gay, had a mild stroke and had been diagnosed with a condition that increases her chance of stroke. Bernie asked all to them in their prayers as well.

Diana said she was looking forward to coffee and donuts on the patio.

Steve noted that Cinco De Mayo planning is underway and asked everyone to spread the word.

John thanked everyone for their prayers during his wife's convalescence. Debbie is better but having additional checks for shoulder problems.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:45PM