

SANTA CATALINA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting
February 24, 2015

ATTENDING: Fr. Larry Sanders, John Elofson, Diana Larroque, Keith Kleppe, Joe Rink, Ginny Pergantis, Dc. Alfonso De La Riva, Dacia Daigle, Dave Cathcart visited the Pastoral Council, representing the Parish Board of Directors

- The meeting was called to order by John Elofson at 7:02 p.m.
- Opening prayer was led by Fr. Larry.
- A motion to approve the January minutes was made, seconded, and approved by the Council with two corrections:
 - The date of the next meeting is stated as January 24 – it should read February 24.
 - The Parish mission is scheduled for the first four Thursdays of Lent, not Thursday, February 19.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fr. Larry gave an update on the fundraising for the covered patio area. To date, approximately 25% of the goal has been received. The “thermometer” will be on display this weekend in the narthex to keep everyone informed of the progress of the fundraising.

There will be a dinner dance fundraiser on April 17 for the benefit of the sound system. This will be a black and white affair, beef dinner – but will not be prime rib. It will include a silent auction and possibly other “money makers.”
- Listening Session – 2015. This is being shelved for now, but will be talked about in the future at a suitable time.
- The parish picnic has been set for Veterans Day weekend. Keith Kleppe has agreed to plan and run the picnic unless he moves back to California. He asked that each Council member verbalize their agreement to help with this.
- Bernie Murphy gave an update on the New Parishioner program – 11 new parishioners were welcomed at the January pancake breakfast.
- Construction Update: Fr. Larry gave an update on the road project. The lawyers have finalized the legal papers on the easements. The parish will cover approximately \$25,000 in plantings, etc. on the north end, next to the animal bridge. As of March 15, we will no longer have the police directing traffic out of the driveway and the “right turn only” out of the driveway will begin. Once traffic is moved to the west side of Oracle, we can begin work on the south driveway.
- Catholic Conference March 5-7. Fr. Larry once again invited the Council members and any others to attend this diocesan conference at parish expense.
- Bishops Appeal: Parish goal is \$115,000. As of 2/15/15, \$22,145 has been pledged so far. If we don’t meet the goal, the parish must pay the difference.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fr. Larry addressed the latest letter from the Bishop regarding the renovation of Cathedral Square and the request for a contribution from each parish to pay for the work.
- Budget: We are ahead of last year by \$13,000. While we are still under budget in income, it should be back up to the budgeted amount by next weekend.
- There was a question about the distribution of funds from the Poor Boxes in the Church. Fr. Larry explained that he, with Sr. Jean and a member of the Social Awareness Committee, discuss the amounts and charities that receive this money.
- Diana Larroque suggested that the RCIA participants be invited to a celebratory breakfast after Easter to make them feel more welcomed. We were reminded that the RCIA folks and their families are invited to a celebratory reception after the Easter Vigil.
- The next meeting will be on March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.