

Pastoral Council Meeting – November 22, 2016

Attendees: Fr. Larry, John Elofson, Diana Larroque, Ginny Pergantis, Steve Chavez, Ruben Cajigas, Pam Gomez

Meeting called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer by Fr. Larry

October 25, 2016 minutes approved

Flagpole: The 4th Degree Knight flagpole has been installed. The inaugural flag to be flown above the church was presented at the church picnic. The flag belonged to a parishioner's father who served in WWII. This flag is sentimental and since the weather elements are so hard on flags in Arizona a decision was made to preserve this flag in a flag case and fly it on special occasions. The original flag is made of cotton and nylon flags hold up much better. We have ordered a nylon flag. Going forward we will see if there are any 5' x 8' flags available at the Golden Goose. This will help save money.

New Council Member: The Pastoral Council welcomed Ruben Cajigas as a new member. Ruben has been a parishioner along with his family since the 1990's. He is a police officer for the City of Tucson and works as a resource officer teaching at schools and handles hostage situations. Ruben is currently finishing his Masters in Theology.

Parish Picnic: The picnic went well. We had a good crowd but not quite as many parishioners as last year. The salsa contest was fun. The flag folding ceremony was well received. November and Veteran's Day are a good time of year to have the picnic. A very special thank you to Steve Chavez for coordinating the picnic and John and Dave for their help as well.

Refugee Forum: We had about 50 – 75 parishioners attend the refugee forum. We had a couple of refugees speak. A refugee lawyer explained the two-year process for coming into our Country. Around 1% or 2% are accepted. They are taken care of and indoctrinated their first two months and then expected to get a job. There are parishioners who are working with the refugee programs. This session was to educate parishioners and allow them to choose if they wish to get involved which is what we do with all our ministries.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are close to the goal for our parish but may fall short.

December Pastoral Council Meeting: Diana will be hosting the meeting at her home on December 6th.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 P.M. (this is the most crowded of all the Masses and an overflow Mass will be held in the Parish Hall); 6:00 P.M. Children's Mass; 8:30 P.M. Choir Concert prior to 9:00 P.M. Mass. Sunday there will be one Mass at both 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Future Council Meeting – Pilar Dougall will be attending the February meeting to give the council an update on the Young Adult/Family Ministry. Lupita Parra will attend in March and update us on the Youth Ministry.

Church Maintenance Issues:

- Lighting: Someone stole the light on the small sign in the south parking lot. We will not replace it.
- Sound System: Some of the old amplifiers on the updated sound system are not working and need to be replaced. The cost will be between \$1,200 and \$1,500.
- Refrigerator: The fans went out and was causing everything to freeze up. We replaced the fans but are still having problems so now they think it is the thermostat. We do not know how much the repair will end up costing us.
- Fire System: The original fire system had monitoring lights on it but they were never hooked up. The fire system was tested and we discovered some of the pumps were not working properly. We installed parts to manually push the water through and that expense was \$7,000. To complete the repair will be an additional \$12,000.

Once repaired we will not have to manually pull the alarm to activate it. We do have some money in savings to go towards this repair.

- A/C System: We made it through another summer but the system is aging as is the building. Every year we can make it through without replacing the a/c it does allow us to save more money.

Christmas Events: Annual Senior Luncheon December 6th. Family fun night with Santa Claus will be December 10th. Las Posadas celebration is December 18th.

Pancake Breakfast: We had good attendance this past breakfast as some of Masses are getting more crowded. There were no newcomers at the November breakfast. John Elofson mentioned he is trying to change up the menu by offering homemade biscuits and gravy, blueberry or cinnamon pancakes, and possibly grits. Deborah has mentioned she may make scones again but she would need help as this is a 3-person job.

Closing prayer by Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.