

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – April 21, 2016

Members present: Father Peter Martinez; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Jody Hoelscher [Catholic Daughters of America]; Mary Lee Welp [Altar and Rosary Society]; Juanita Lusson [Bereavement]; Cathy Fichtel [Youth Minister]; Mary Welch [Respect Life, Health Ministry]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]

Guest: Gary Robinson

The Parish Mission Statement: “St. Paul the Apostle Parish Community exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the Mission of Jesus the Christ, the salvation of all humankind, by living and spreading the Good News.”

Topic	Discussion	Action
Opening	Meeting was opened at 6:00 pm, with prayer by Father Peter	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by Stan Bienia	
Religious Education, Edge, and Life Teen – Deacon Frank’ written report and Cathy Fichtel	<p><u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Communion Retreat was held on Sunday, April 17th, with 70 parents and children attending. 2. May Crowning will be on Sunday, May 1st, in the CCD Courtyard, at 9:55 am. All classes will attend [both Sunday and Wednesday classes]. This will be followed by an Ice Cream Social. Also, this will be the last day of CCD classes. 3. First Communion practice will be on Friday, May 6th, at 6:00 pm, in the church. 4. First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 7th, at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass, with a reception afterward in the Parish Hall. There will be 27 First Communicants this year. 5. Youth Confirmation will be on Friday, May 6th, at 6:30 pm, at the Cathedral. We will have 13 confirmands. 6. Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, in the Parish Hall. 7. Deacon Frank has suggested that our next Atrium be in Room D, and placing the 3-6 year olds there. The 9-12 year olds’ Atrium will be in the Timothy Room Atrium. 8. Deacon has recommended that we send 2 new catechists to training this July, and complete some training for 3 others who began last year. <p><u>EDGE:</u> A Social was held on Wednesday, April 20th. About 42 attended.</p> <p><u>LIFETEEN:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thirteen will be confirmed on May 6th. 2. On Sunday, May 15th, there will be a celebration for Confirmandis in the Parish Hall. This is the Feast of Pentecost. 3. The teens will host a Cinco de Mayo dinner on Saturday, April 30th. 	
Liturgy Committee	No report	
Finance Council – Father Peter	Bids have been received for a Boy Scout storage facility for the trailer and other gear.	
Grounds and Facilities – Father Peter	A lot has been happening to continuously beautify our Parish grounds!	
RCIA – Gary Robinson	The Mystogogy phase has begun, and will continue through the end of June. RCIA classes will resume in August, with 8 to 15 persons. These classes will continue through May 2017.	
ACTS Retreats – report submitted by Eileen Vara	Women’s ACTS Retreat was held on April 7-10, 2016. All went well. There will be a reunion meeting on Saturday, April 23 rd , to meet with the retreatants again, and also to have our team evaluation of all the retreat details. For the Retreat in June for the women of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, we have started pulpit announcements. Ten retreatants have already signed up. The men’s ACTS Retreat at St. Paul will be in September, and at OLPH in June. Seven men have already signed up for the June Retreat.	
Women’s ACTS Retreat	See above report.	
Knights of Columbus – Stan Bienia	On April 24, 2016, Council 8170 is hosting a “Major Degree” event in the parish hall. The Knights are making plans to distribute gifts to women of the parish on Mothers’ Day, after all weekend Masses.	

Catholic Daughters of America – Jody Hoelscher	At April's meeting the guest speaker was Sr. Lou Ella Hickman, author of a book of poems about Women in the Bible. The breakfast fellowship on Sunday, April 27 th went very well. The recent Women's conference at St. Theresa Parish was attended by several CDA parishioners. The topic was Mary and Women. On Saturday, April 30 th , Bishop Mulvey will bless the home completed by the CDA Habitat for Humanity group, at 10:00 am.	
Respect Life	No report	
Altar and Rosary Society -- Mary Lee Welp	The Society will hold a May Crowning on Sunday, May 8 th , after the 8:30 Mass. The Society will distribute gifts to men of the parish on Fathers' Day, June 19 th .	
Bereavement – Juanita Lusson	Year to Date there have been 4 deaths in the Parish. There were no luncheons held at the Parish during April.	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	All is going well with this ministry. One homebound parishioner has moved out of the Parish.	
Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	On Holy Thursday the Legion members distributed our Parish Holy Week schedule to residents in the new areas of Flour Bluff. On Good Friday, the Legion members volunteered in the kitchen at the Mother Teresa Shelter. The annual Renewal of Consecration to Mary was held at the Cathedral, for area Legion of Mary members. There were 25 from St. Paul the Apostle Parish who participated and made their annual Renewal.	
Catholic Charities of Flour Bluff/ Hands of Mercy – report submitted by "Twinkle" Copeland	Report for March 2016 --- 55 Adults; 41 children 5 New persons Total equivalent amount given = \$1000.00 Catholic Charities began working at St. Paul on April 1, 2016. Services will be provided Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There have been numerous volunteers come out to help. Catherine McNew is coordinating these services.	
Health Ministry -- Mary Welch	The team held a meeting on Monday, April 4 th , and made further plans for the Health Fair on Sunday, September 11, 2016. So far about 6-8 agencies have been contacted about participating. The team will meet again on Thursday, June 9 th , to continue with plans The First Aid class this summer will be held on Saturday, July 9 th , at 9:00 am.	
St. Paula's Guild – report submitted by Eileen Vara	<u>April</u> : Timon's ministry lunch/ outreach; otherwise no activities, since 6 members were involved in the ACTS Retreat [3 as Retreatants and 3 as team members]. Members will participate in the Cinco de Mayo dinner on April 30 th . <u>May</u> : considering a "Ladies Day" Tea for all women of the parish <u>June</u> : considering a "Singles Spaghetti Supper" for all parishioners <u>July</u> : annual luau for Guild members; scrap booking workshop for Guild members	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	Father Peter announced that an Assistant Pastor for St. Paul has been identified. He will be available as soon as he can be released from his present responsibilities. Father Peter asked Juanita Lusson to obtain information about having another Parish Directory developed.	
<u>New Business</u> -- Father Peter and Guest	Guest Gary Robinson made an appeal to the Council to consider authorizing a letter of recommendation from the Parish Pastoral Council in support of Gary entering into the Diaconate program. Gary is presently in his year of Discernment, and plans to formally enter the Diaconate program in August 2016. Mary Welch moved and Stan Bienia seconded this appeal. All present agreed unanimously. Gary will ask Deacon Frank to draft the letter of recommendation, and Father Peter will sign it from himself and the Council.	
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, AT 6:00 PM</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed at 6:45 pm with prayer by Gary Robinson.	