

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

Members present: Father Peter Martinez; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Deacon Frank; Jody Hoelscher [Catholic Daughters of America]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]; Mary Welch [Health Ministry and Respect Life]; Joanna Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Pat Macias [Altar and Rosary Society; Parish grounds]; Paul Wondolowski; Eileen Vara [Women's ACTS; St. Paula's Guild]

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 Father Peter	
Religious Education, Edge, and Life Teen – Deacon Frank	1. First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, February 27, 2016, 10:00 to 11:30 am, with 30 children.	
Liturgy Committee– Deacon Frank	Stations of the Cross will continue every Friday during Lent, at 7:00 pm.	
Finance Council – Father Peter	Donations for the 1 st six months of this fiscal year are up 15% compared to the same period of the last fiscal year. Ethnicfest netted ~\$25,000. Winners of the raffle will be posted in the Narthex.	
Grounds and Facilities – Pat Macias and Father Peter	Pat and her team have been watering and planting. Gas leaks have been fixed.	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	Rite of Election was held on February 14 th , at the Cathedral. There will be 2 Candidates and 2 Catechumens at this year's Easter Vigil.	
ACTS Retreats – Eileen Vara	Women's ACTS Retreat will be on April 7-10, 2016. There are currently 17 parishioners and 8 non-parishioners confirmed for this Retreat. The team is doing very well with its formation meetings. Team is also planning to conduct a 2 nd Retreat in June with women from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. The men's ACTS Retreat at St. Paul will be in September, and at OLPH in June.	
Women's ACTS Retreat	See above report.	
Knights of Columbus – Paul Wondolowski	The Knights are providing Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. This year there will be a choice between fried fish and blackened grilled fish.	
Catholic Daughters of America – Jody Hoelscher	They will provide coffee and donuts for the second time after the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 21, 2016. They continued to distribute raffle tickets during the Ethnicfest, They will provide cards for homebound parishioners for Easter. This year they will coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt, spearheaded by Grace Geeding. Many of the Catholic Daughters volunteered in various Ethnicfest venues.	
Respect Life –	No report	
Altar and Rosary Society -- Pat Macias	Society is doing well, and more persons are being active.	
Bereavement – Mary Welch for Juanita Lusson	There were no funerals or Bereavement lunches since last Council meeting.	

Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	All is going well with this ministry. Six homebound parishioners are being served.	
Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	Seventeen of the group visited the Adult Day Care Center on February 17 th . Four from the Legion attended the International Eucharistic Congress in the Philippines recently. This event is held every 4 years. This year 73 countries were represented. It is a time for spiritual renewal and an increased understanding of the Eucharist. Cardinals and Bishops from multiple countries were speakers. On the final day there was a Candlelight Procession and Mass, in which 1.5 million persons participated.	
Hands of Mercy – “Twinkle” Copeland	Report for January 2016 --- 83 Adults, 93 Children, for a total of 132 recipients served 11 New persons Total equivalent amount given = \$1330.00 There have been several donations of \$25 HEB gift cards. One of them was given in January.	
Health Ministry -- Mary Welch	The team will hold a Health Fair on Sunday, September 11, 2016. No date has yet been set for a First Aid class this summer.	
St. Paula’s Guild – Eileen Vara	There are 20 regular members of this Guild. Valentines and Spiritual Bouquets were given to our homebound parishioners. In March, the group will provide lunch for clients of Timon’s Ministry. All members were volunteers at the Ethnicfest. The members will have a Valentine Dinner for their group the weekend of February 20 th .	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	The Lenten Mission will be held on February 29 th through March 2 nd , conducted by the SOLT priests and sisters. The close of the mission will be the homily during the 7:00 pm Mass on March 2 nd .	
<u>New Business</u> -- <u>Father Peter</u>	The parish Penance Service will be on Monday, March 21 st , at 7:00 pm. The Bishop will be one of the confessors. There will be a Safe Environment re-certification meeting on Monday, February 29 th , at 6:00 pm, just prior to the Lenten Mission,	
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016, AT 6:00 PM</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Frank at 6:45 pm,	