

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
Parish Council Minutes –October 16, 2014

Members present: Deacon Frank; R.J. Regalado [Seminararian]; “Twinkle” Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Mary Welch [Health Ministry, Respect Life Committee]; Mary Lee Welp [Altar and Rosary Society]; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]; Lois Broden [Respect Life]; Helen Pelletier [Sacristan; Liturgy Committee]; Juanita Lusson [Bereavement]; Cathy Fichtel [Youth Minister]; Paul Wondolowski [Altar Servers]

Excused: Father Peter Martinez; Renee Hill; Deacon Ed; Doug Bracken; Rick Marcantonio

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 6:05 pm, with prayer by Deacon Frank	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by Deacon Frank.	
Religious Education – Deacon Frank	--November 1 will be Parade of Saints at evening Mass, following by a “Saints Fest” in the Parish Hall --November 2 will be Feast of Sharing. Boxes will be placed in back of church and in all classrooms, to receive non-perishable foods.	
Edge and Life Teen -- Cathy Fichtel	--Edge is having small group discussions. Topic this semester is “Prayer.” Edge group meets on Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. --Lifeteen group is studying the Mass this semester [“The Summit”]. The Eucharist is the “Summit” of our faith. First topic in this series was on idolatry vs. Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. --Confirmation interviews are being held with parents. Confirmation studies are given to those in 9 th and 10 th grades, and Confirmation is administered during 10 th grade. Eighteen are now being prepared.	
Liturgy Committee– Helen Pelletier	--Liturgy group is preparing for Thanksgiving and Advent --Discussion was held regarding the Altar Servers’ red cassocks and the unused choir robes --November 2 will be blessing of graves in the local Flour Bluff cemetery	R.J. to discuss with Father Peter
Finance Council	No report	
Grounds and Facilities	No report	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	There are no catechumens this year. There are 3 candidates this year.	
ACTS Retreat	The next women’s ACTS will be in April 2015	
Knights of Columbus – Stan Bienia	--Diocesan Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be on October 30, 2014. The Knights have purchased 1 table for the parish hierarchy. --Saturday, October 25 th will be the last BBQ dinner of the year. --Knights will have a float in the Flour Bluff ISD homecoming parade on October 30 th .	
Respect Life – Lois Broden	The annual October collections began on the October 4 th weekend. This year items are being collected for Timon’s Ministry.	
Altar and Rosary Society – Mary Lee Welp	The national group [NCCW] has requested us to save plastic caps from a variety of products. These can be turned in for cash to provide wheelchairs and other articles for those in need. There is now a container in the Narthex to collect the caps.	
Bereavement – Juanita Lusson	Since the last Parish Council meeting one funeral meal was served to 130 persons on October 14 th .	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	We now have an adequate number of Eucharistic Ministers for the home visits.	Stan Bienia R.J. Regalado

Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	The Legion group has now added the Habilitation Services facility [Adult Day Care Center] in Flour Bluff to its visits. Eventually the group will drop going to facilities on Airline and Saratoga.	
Hands of Mercy – “Twinkle” Copeland	From September 2 nd through “September 30 th ”, 67 adults and 51 children were served, for an estimated equivalent value of \$985. There were 6 new clients added during this period.	
Health Ministry	No report	
St. Paula’s Guild [Widows’ Support Group] – Luz Garcia and Lois Broden	The group continues to go very well. Next gathering will be on Sunday, October 19 th , at 11:00 am, at the parish. The group is planning an all-day trip to San Antonio in November, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	Paul Wondolowski asked about the response for new Altar Servers. Deacon Frank said that several inquired: 2 were not qualified; 2 have done it in the past; and others will go through training. Training for Altar Servers will be held in 2 parts: October 26 th at 2:00 pm and November 2 nd at 2:00 pm. Both are Sundays.	
<u>New Business</u> –	Discussion/ questions were held regarding the back parking lot – particularly the dangerous potholes and lack of adequate lighting. This will be discussed with Father Peter.	
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014, at 6:00pm</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by R. J. Regalado at 6:55 pm	