

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
Parish Council Minutes –November 19, 2015

Members present: Father Peter Martinez; Mary Welch [Health Ministry, Respect Life Committee]; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Paul Wondolowski [Altar Servers, et al.]; Cathy Fichtel [Youth Ministry]; Deacon Frank; Eileen Vara [St. Paula’s Guild; CDA]; Pat Macias [Altar and Rosary Society]; Jody Hoelscher [Catholic Daughters of America]; Juanita Lusson [Bereavement]; “Twinkle” Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Debbie Rodriguez [Sacristan], Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]

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 – Cathy Fichtel and Deacon Frank	<p><u>Elementary:</u> Continuing with “Sharing is Caring” to collect food items; also giving these to applicants for Food Baskets. Angel Tree will begin November 28th, and items to be returned by December 13th. Food Baskets for applicants to be distributed on December 16th and 17th. Family Christmas program to be on Sunday, December 13th, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Parish hall. Christmas Pageant in the church will be on December 24th, at 4:25 pm, prior to the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</p> <p><u>Edge:</u> program is going very well. Students respond well to the small group discussions.</p> <p><u>LifeTeen:</u> Many attended the recent SpiritFest in town. Teens have adopted a parish family for Christmas</p>	
Liturgy Committee– Father Peter	<p>-Tuesday, December 8th begins the Year of Mercy. It is an Extraordinary Jubilee Year.</p> <p>-Saturday, December 12th will be 6:00 Mass [Las Mananitas] for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>-Sunday, December 6th will be Breakfast with Santa in the Parish hall, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm</p> <p>-Sunday, November 29th is the First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>-Since January 1st is on a Friday, the usual First Friday Anointing of the Sick will be moved to Saturday, January 2, 2016, in conjunction with the 8:00 am Mass.</p>	
Finance Council – Father Peter	<p>-Finance Council recently met with the Building Committee. Costs were obtained for all projected Parish renovations, in the amount of \$2.5 million. Recommendation was made to narrow the scope of the project to approximately one-half that amount, in line with projected income. This will then target a new Youth Center, an outdoor Pavilion [by Parish hall], parking area in front of the church. Aim to begin around 2017.</p> <p>-Finance Council recommended postponing replacing the pews in church another year, in order to gain additional financing.</p>	
Grounds and Facilities – Pat Macias and Father Peter	<p>Our new Boy Scout Troop #361 will tentatively have a new “3-sided” shed built for their storage use.</p> <p>Pat and her team continue to maintain the flowers, and are now in the process of getting the trees trimmed.</p>	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	<p>We have 3 Catechumens and 6 Candidates.</p> <p>Our Deacon-in-Training, Gary Robinson, is coordinating their education</p>	
Men’s ACTS Retreat	No report	
Women’s ACTS Retreat – Eileen Vara	<p>-Teams will begin planning meetings on December 9th.</p> <p>-Ten women have already applied to be ACTS retreatants</p> <p>-Eileen’s co-directors are: Laura Dobbins and Mary Olveda</p> <p>-Father announced that Our Lady of Perpetual Help will begin its own ACTS retreats in June 2016. Our St. Paul’s teams will actively help to present the first retreats.</p>	

Knights of Columbus – Paul Wondolowski and Stan Bienia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There are now 3 new applicants -Knights will now be meeting in the Parish hall instead of Room A. -Christmas party for the Knights will be on Friday, December 18th. -Knights will be giving Thanksgiving Food Baskets, with turkeys, to 10 Parish families. 	
Catholic Daughters of America – Jody Hoelscher and Eileen Vara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -They continue to work with Habitat for Humanity to build a house on Soledad Street. Volunteers are always welcome to assist. -Beginning in January, on the 2nd Sunday every month, they will provide a continental breakfast in Room A, between the 2 morning Masses. -They will be providing Food Baskets for the home-bound parishioners -They have taken over full responsibility for preparing and distributing raffle tickets for the Ethnicfest. -Membership is growing at the rate of 2-3 new women at every meeting 	
Respect Life – Mary Welch	Beginning in 2016, plans will begin, with additional new members.	
Altar and Rosary Society – Pat Macias	There are 7 new members.	
Bereavement – Juanita Lusson	<p>There have been 2 funeral lunches since last meeting. One was for Helen Pelletier, in the Parish hall; 160 persons were served.</p> <p>The other lunch was provided at the Ethel Eyerly Senior Center, for our parishioner.</p>	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	All is going well with this ministry. There are now fewer homebound parishioners to visit. There are 6 new Eucharistic Ministers for the Masses.	
Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Members continue with their visits to the nursing home every Saturday, and to the Adult Day Care Center every Wednesday. -There are 3 new members, and now have over 20 total. -Annual renewal for all Diocesan Legion members will be on Saturday, December 5th, at the Cathedral. 	
Hands of Mercy – “Twinkle” Copeland	<p>Report for October 2015 ---</p> <p>79 Adults, 51 Children, for a total of 130 recipients served</p> <p>7 New persons</p> <p>Total equivalent amount given = \$1187.00</p>	
Health Ministry – Mary Welch	Renee Hill has asked to be relieved from coordinating this ministry. Mary Welch will convene a meeting of interested persons in January 2016, to develop ideas for future health ministry events.	
St. Paula’s Guild – Eileen Vara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Presentations for monthly meetings are pending. -The Guild members provided a Thanksgiving meal for Timon’s Ministry clients last week. -A trip to the Basilica in San Juan is planned for Saturday, November 21st. -There are consistently ~16 widows attending the monthly meetings/ events. 	
Discussion – <i>Old Business</i>	No report	
<i>New Business – Father Peter and Council Members</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Saturday, December 12th will be the Volunteer Appreciation dinner after the 5:00 pm Mass. -State of the Parish report will be provided in December. 	
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015, AT 6:00 PM</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Frank at 6:55 pm	