

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
Parish Council Minutes –November 20, 2014

Members present: Father Peter Martinez; Deacon Frank; Deacon Ed; R.J. Regalado [Seminarian]; Marc Marcha [Seminarian]; “Twinkle” Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Mary Welch [Health Ministry, Respect Life Committee]; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Lois Broden [Respect Life]; Helen Pelletier [Sacristan; Altar and Rosary Society]; Cathy Fichtel [Youth Minister]; Renee Hill [Health Ministry]

Excused: Luz Garcia; Juanita Lasson; Mary Lee Welp; Rozena McVey; 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 R. J. Regalado	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by Father Peter	
Religious Education – Deacon Frank	--Family Christmas celebration with potluck, on Sunday, December 14 th , from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, in the Parish Hall. --Angel Tree will be in the narthex beginning Saturday, November 22 nd . So far there are 109 families.	
Edge and Life Teen -- Cathy Fichtel	--Students in Edge, LifeTeen, and Confirmation preparation are studying Advent --There has been excellent participation by the Core team for both Edge and LifeTeen --LifeTeens will have a Retreat on January 17 th and 18 th , 2015, at Camp Zephyr in Sandia	
Liturgy Committee– Deacon Ed	--Altar Servers training went well --Blessing of gravesites was held on November 2 nd --Good Shepherd program is going well for the Pre-K and 1 st grade students --Altar Servers Appreciation service will be on Sunday, November 23 rd , at 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral. There will be a party at Gattitown afterwards. --Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration will be on Friday, December 12 th . Musician will probably be Ramiro Trevino. The altar will be decorated. --Thanksgiving Mass will be on Thursday, November 27 th , at 10:00 am. There will be a collection of food items only, and no monetary offerings.	
Finance Council – Father Peter	Finances are doing well so far.	
Grounds and Facilities – Father Peter	--Rick Marcantonio is doing a good job coordinating this. He obtained a lift to lower the middle lights in the church, so they can be changed. Fans were cleaned. Can now have lights and/or fans on, and not just both. --Fence has been repaired.	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	Adult Confirmation will be held on Sunday, December 14 th , at the Cathedral.	
ACTS Retreat – Father Peter	--The next women’s ACTS will be in April 2015, and the men’s ACTS will be in August 2015. --In the future, St. Paul the Apostle Parish ACTS Mission will follow the national guidelines, through the Archdiocese of San Antonio.	
Knights of Columbus – Deacon Ed and Stan Bienia	--Plans are being made for a Christmas dinner on Friday, December 5 th , for the Knights and their families. --Knights are collecting coats for Timon’s Ministry.	
Respect Life – Lois Broden	The annual October collections were very successful. This year items were donated to Timon’s Ministry.	

Altar and Rosary Society – Helen Pelletier	--Rozena McVey, President, will arrive shortly from Iowa. --In December there will be 2 weddings and 1 Quincenara --Poinsettias have been ordered, and will be placed on and around the altar for Christmas Eve --Trees on the altar will be placed on December 13 th . Need men to assist with this. --Will be setting up Advent banners and drapes next week	
Bereavement – Father Peter	Since the last Parish Council meeting there was 1 funeral meal served for 142 persons. The deceased's husband complimented everyone on their helpful assistance.	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	We now have 9 Eucharistic Ministers for the home visits.	
Legion of Mary	No report	
Hands of Mercy – “Twinkle” Copeland	--From October 7 th through October 28 th , 63 adults and 42 children were served, for an estimated equivalent value of \$855. There were 3 new clients added during this period. --The committee will begin work on re-organizing the Hands of Mercy area.	
Health Ministry – Renee Hill	Discussion was held about repeating CPR classes in summer of 2015. That will be 2 years since CPR was held here.	Father Peter asked the Health Ministry team to decide and give him a recommendation
St. Paula's Guild [Widows' Support Group] – Lois Broden	--The group continues to go very well. --On Saturday, November 22 nd , there will be a Retreat, open to all women of the parish, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will begin with Mass in the main church, and then resume in the Parish Hall. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. So far over 50 women have signed up to attend. --The group had an all-day trip to San Antonio recently	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	None	
<u>New Business</u> –	Father Peter proposed that these meetings continue to be held at 6:00 pm, since the Bible study classes will be resuming on Thursdays at 7:30 pm as of January.	
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014, at 6:00pm</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Peter at 7:10 pm	