

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Parish Council Minutes –December 18, 2014

Members present: Father Peter Martinez; Deacon Frank; R.J. Regalado [Seminarian]; Marc Marcha [Seminarian]; “Twinkle” Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Mary Welch [Health Ministry, Respect Life Committee]; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Cathy Fichtel [Youth Minister]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]; Juanita Lasson [Bereavement]; Rick Marcantonio [Plant Manager]

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 Father Peter	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by R.J. Regalado	
Religious Education, Edge, and Life Teen – Deacon Frank and Cathy Fichtel	--Christmas Pageant will be at 4:20 pm on Christmas Eve --Edge was cancelled on December 17 th . -- Edge will have a Movie Night on Monday, December 29 th . --Life Teens will have a Retreat on January 17/18, 2015 --Life Teens will meet on Sunday, December 21, 2014 -- Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at the Cathedral. There are 16 Life Teens from St. Paul the Apostle to be confirmed.	
Edge and Life Teen --	[See above]	
Liturgy Committee– notes from meeting	-- Excellent response to the Angel Giving Tree --Altar Server Appreciation service was held last month at the Cathedral. Anastasia Smith and Joshua Busby were chosen Outstanding Servers this year. Nathan Boxwell received the Eucharistic Cross as Master of Ceremonies. Nathan Ortega received his Purple Sash for 10 years of service. --Mananitas were held before Mass on December 12 th , feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All present carried roses to the altar at the Offertory. A great breakfast was held after Mass, thanks to Juanita Lusson! --Feast of the Epiphany is on January 6 th , and will be celebrated on Sunday, January 4, 2015.	
Finance Council – Father Peter	Finances are doing well so far. Council did not meet during December.	
Grounds and Facilities – Father Peter	--Rick Marcantonio is doing a good job coordinating this. There have been many excellent volunteers to assist with the grounds. There are no gophers at present!! --Parish received a donation to replace folding tables in the narthex. --Fence repairs will be done this week.	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	--There are 3 candidates and no catechumens in the RCIA class. --This group will attend a retreat on January 31, 2015, at the Schoenstadt Retreat Center.	

ACTS Retreat – Father Peter	No additional report	
Knights of Columbus – Deacon Ed and Stan Bienia	Cathy Fichtel asked if the Knights and/or the Altar and Rosary Society would prepare dinner for the Life Teens at the end of their Retreat on Sunday, January 18, 2015, following the 6:00 pm Mass.	Rick Marcantonio will follow up on this
Respect Life –	No report	
Altar and Rosary Society	No report	
Bereavement – Juanita Lasson	Since the last Parish Council meeting there was 1 funeral meal served for 142 persons. This was for Sr. Begonia.	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	We now have 8 people on the list to visit, and 8 Eucharistic Ministers to provide this service.	
Legion of Mary	Luz Garcia developed a flyer about the Parish’s Christmas Masses. It will be distributed to select Flour Bluff homes by the Legion members.	
Hands of Mercy – “Twinkle” Copeland	From November 4 th through November 25 th , we served 80 adults and 69 children, for an estimated equivalent value of \$1230. There were 5 new families. The Hands of Mercy received 5 boxes of food from collections by the Religious Education students.	
Health Ministry –	No report	
St. Paula’s Guild [Widows’ Support Group] – Luz Garcia	There was a women’s retreat on Saturday, November 22 nd . It was well attended by women of the parish. Next meeting will be on Saturday, December 20 th .	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	--The parish Volunteer Appreciation dinner was held on Saturday, December 13 th . It was well attended, by 105 persons. --The Knights compiled 10 food baskets, including turkeys, to be distributed on Saturday, December 20 th . All recipients are parishioners.	
<u>New Business</u> –	--Fr. Peter announced that all families will receive a book by Matthew Kelly after all Christmas Masses. --New Year’s Masses will be: December 31 st at 6:00 pm and 11:30 pm; January 1 st at 10:00 am only --The 2015 liturgical calendars will be distributed after all Masses on December 20 th and 21 st . --Bible study classes will resume on Thursday, January 22 nd , at 7:30 pm, in the Parish Hall. They will continue for approximately 10 weeks. --The Parish Council will meet at 6:00 pm from now on, and for the foreseeable future.	
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015, AT 6:00 PM</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by R. J. Regalado at 7:10 pm	