

SAN MARTIN DE PORRES
Pastoral Council Minutes
3 January 2017

Present were: Fr. Juan Carlos Aguirre, Chair Pat Bradley, Vice Chair Tom Murphy, Pilar Harris, Jim Harris, Paul Krienitz, Ana Quihuis, Laura Acosta, Robert Acosta, JoAnn Stover, Debbie Morales, Sharon Forciea, and Joshua Sparling.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

1. From the Pastor

- A. A Stewardship Committee is being formed.
- B. The festival monies were: \$44,200.00 between the raffle and the fiesta booths.
- C. There are custodial funds for each ministry group that are retained by the parish for groups to spend. Each ministry council member noted the amount of monies for their group under the custody of the parish. Father needs to know the purpose for the funds, will they be used within a year, what will the funds be used for. Please submit an email to Father Aguirre with that information. It is needed for the proper administration of those monies.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Parish Synod Update: Jim Harris, Fr. Aguirre

- 1. Jim distributed the Synod Practical Provisions for 2017. Fr. Aguirre asked that the council clarify the categories. For example: Evangelization, Stress the importance of going to church to lukewarm Catholics. This example needs an action to accomplish the statement. Fr. commented on the challenge this presents to the council and current ministries. Fr. Aguirre also stated if we cannot accomplish this endeavor we may need to change our mission statement.
- 2. In order for a clear vision to proceed Fr. asked for a mission statement from each ministry group. A one page statement declaring:
 - a. Name of the ministry
 - b. Purpose of the ministry
 - c. Structure of ministry
 - d. Activities of the ministry

111. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stewardship: Fr. Aguirre, Tom Murphy

A campaign program to educate the parishioners in the importance of giving. Statistics

show only 8 to 9 % give regularly.

B. Ministry Fair

Ministry Fair: Joann Stover agreed to head up this project. She will co-ordinate with each ministry leader for table space and will provide each ministry with sign up cards.

Each ministry will do follow up. Fr. Aguirre stressed the purpose of the Ministry Fair be of education to inform prospective new volunteers. The date is Sunday, 12th of February. Fr. suggested food and music be available.

C. Life touch Photography Project

Sharon Forciea is working with Kathy Hill from Lifetouch to prepare a San Martin de Porres church directory. Each participating family will receive a free 8 x10 photo as well as a church directory. Sign up dates are: Feb. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19. Photos taken: Feb. 28-March 4th.

1V. Member Reports

- A.** Community Liaison Debbie Morales reported that the dinner prepared by San Martin for a football team and attended by Fr. Aguirre was very appreciated. Perhaps more of this could be done in the future.
- B.** Hospitality: Laura Acosta said new year calendars were handed out during the masses by the hospitality group as well as the ushers.
- C.** Religious Education: No report
- D.** Prayer Group: Ana Quihuis reported on two events:
 - 1.** The prayer group is preparing for an all church mission presented by the Redemptorists priests of Minnesota. The mission will be conducted in Spanish and English. The dates are 29th of April to the 3rd of May. Both groups will join in a mass at the conclusion of the mission.
 - 2.** Eleven of the prayer group and Fr. Aguirre attended a meeting at Our Lady of Fatima organized by the Campaign of Human Development and the Southern AZ Interfaith Council for the purpose of training Catholic civic leaders in the community.
- E.** Knights of Columbus:

Paul Krienitz asked about badges for the ushers. Laura Acosta will give him the information on where to order them. Fr. Aguirre stated he would like the ushers to have vests to make it easy to identify them during the masses. Fr. has a connection for the vests. Cost would be between \$8 and \$12.
- F.** Joshua Sparling Growth and Development:

There are 20 acres available on Carondelet land on South Rd. at \$50,000.00 an acre as a possible site for the growth of San Martin de Porres.

Fr. Aguirre informed the council that Fr. Jude Eli will be at San Martin to present a class on the gospel of St. John. Classes will in the morning and evening of January 21st through the 25th. Fr. Aguirre will be leading Stations of the Cross, including a fish fry, on Friday evenings during Lent.

Fr. Aguirre led us in closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Forcica