

**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL  
PARISH COUNCIL NOTES  
MONDAY 3/20/06 7:00 P.M.  
CLASSROOM 4**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** MARY CHRISTMAS, MSGR. FLORES, RUBEN GONZALES, JERRY GUERRA, NOEMI HERNANDEZ, JIM JOHNSON, ADRIANA MARTINEZ, ELOY SOSA,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** FR. PEDRO ELIZARDO, FR. JIRI KUCERA, FR. ANTHONY MUPPALA, DEACON PALACIOS, SISTER ANNE BRIGIT

**STAFF PRESENT:** DONALD HARRIS, JOSIE KAUFMANN, NORMA TORRES

**GUESTS PRESENT:** SAUL RASCON

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jerry Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Msgr. Flores led us in prayer.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Eloy Sosa moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ruben seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**III. ADMIN, BUILD. & GROUNDS— DONALD HARRIS**

A. Work on the front steps of the Cathedral continues. Total estimated cost is at \$30,000 with work scheduled for completion before Easter.

B. Currently waiting for bid results from sound system contractors. Deadline is 3/22.

**IV. FINANCE COUNCIL—DEACON PALACIOS**

No report

**V. LITURGICAL COUNCIL—FR. PETE ELIZARDO**

No Report

**VI. PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—**

Norma Torres announced that they are currently working on completion of sacraments and planning a reception.

**VII. FACILITIES-USE—**

No report

**VIII. FUNDRAISING RAISING COMMITTEE**

No report

**IX. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE—**

No report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**X. ANNUAL EVENTS—**

A. Sedar Supper:

1. Eloy will chair the Sedar Supper. Committee members include Noemi Hernandez, Jim Johnson, Orfie Hernandez, Blanca Konizer and Geraldine McGloin. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.
2. Eloy announced that he would like to invite representatives of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart parishes. They would like institute the tradition in their respective parishes and hope to learn by observing.
3. Msgr. Flores reminded the committee to keep Fr. Pete informed during the planning stages.

B. Feast of Corpus Christi:

1. Donald will contact Mary Sidburry to verify schedule
2. Ruben will chair committee. Committee members include Jerry Guerra, Mary Christmas, Noemi Hernandez, Marilyn Venegas, Norma Torres, Jim Johnson and Fr. Pete.

**XI. BY-LAWS—**

Changes to the Bylaws were reviewed. **Motion:** Mary moved to accept the proposed changes. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**XII. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES—**

Msgr. Flores, Mary Christmas and Jerry Guerra will discuss proposed candidates for the three parish council vacancies this week. Msgr. Flores will contact each candidate.

**XIII. PARLIAMENTARIAN POSITION—**

Motion: Mary moved that we appoint Eloy Sosa by acclamation. Motion was seconded and approved.

**XIV. PARISHIONER QUESTIONNAIRES/PARISH ACTION PLAN—**

- A. Mary will chair committee whose purpose will be to compile all responses submitted by parishioners. A template for organizing the responses to each question will be created.
- B. Noemi Hernandez will compile all responses onto the template with respects to question one and Mary will work on questions two and three.
- C. Msgr. Flores suggested the creation of a Parish council corner in the bulletin in order to keep parishioners informed. Jerry will work with Elda to create space in the bulletin.

**ROUNDTABLE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECTOR'S COMMENTS—**

- A. Parishioner Saul Rascon addressed the need for the Cathedral family to support fellow parish families during times of bereavement. Mr. Rascon proposes the creation of a funeral support group to assist in various aspects of the Christian funeral and burial.
  - a. Msgr. Flores explained that any committee created to fulfill this need would require a large pool of people who could be available for praying the rosary with the family, attending the funeral or serving as pallbearers.
  - b. Item will be placed on the April parish council agenda. The Bereavement committee will be invited to share their roles and responsibilities in this area.
- B. Josie announced that the Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) program will begin soon. MOMS will meet once per week for 8 weeks. The program will be limited to 14 women with plans to develop the program and include more women in the future.
- D. Ruben Gonzales expressed concern regarding the current procedure of distributing bulletins. Parish Council recommended that the previous procedure of making bulletins available before and after all masses be reinstated.
- E. Norma inquired on the hours the church is open/unlocked. Donald explained that the church (courtyard door) is typically open daily between 8am and 5pm. Although doors will remain locked during the work on the sound system.

- F. Jerry suggested that the cathedral target members of the bowling association and other tourists visiting the city. Msgr. Flores suggested two or three sources of distribution should be used to reach tourists.
- G. Msgr. Flores asked each parish council member to meet as many parishioners as possible in order to uncover the talents of all parishioners and determine how each can better serve the parish.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ruben moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18p.m.; Msgr. Flores led the prayer.