

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL

PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES 08-18-08

- I. Meeting was called to order by Father Joseph Lopez , with a prayer, @ 5:45 pm.
- II. Roll call/members present: Lupita Garcia, Kim Yzaguirre, Jeff Kirk, Alicia Harley, Patrick Hayes, Josie Kaufman, Urban Chupe, John Hendricks. Ex-Officio Members: Father Joseph Lopez, Donald Harris, Deacon Adolfo Palacios.
- III. Vision statement and parish council rules were presented by Father Lopez.
- IV. Nominations for filling the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and parliamentarian were presented to the council and voted upon. They were as follows:
 - Vice President: Urban Chupe, by acclamation
 - Secretary: John Hendricks, by acclamation
 - Parliamentarian: Patrick Hayes, by acclamation
- V. A motion was made by Patrick Hayes that filling the office of President be postponed until the council's September meeting. The motion received a second and passed unanimously.
- VI. Urban Chupe took over chairing the meeting.
- VII. The Parish Council Schedule, see attached, was presented and explained by Father Lopez.
- VIII. The state of the parish report, see attached, was presented by Donald Harris.
- IX. The need for CMSE training for all parish members working with children, as well as all parish council members regardless, was emphasized by Father Lopez.
- X. The May parish council meeting minutes were voted on and approved.
- XI. It was announced that the parish council members would be presented at all Masses the weekend of 13-14 September.
- XII. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Father Lopez.

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PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES 10-06-08

- I. Meeting was called to order by Father Joseph Lopez , with a prayer, @ 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll call/members present: Lupita Garcia, Kim Yzaguirre, Alicia Harley, Patrick Hayes, Urban Chupe, Adolfo Rodriguez, John Hendricks. Ex-Officio Members: Father Joseph Lopez, Donald Harris, Orfie Hernandez.
- III. Nominations for filling the offices of president and vice president were presented to the council and voted upon. They were as follows:
 - Vice Chair: Lupita Garcia, nominated by Alicia Harley, elected by acclamation
 - President: Urban Chupe, nominated by Patrick Hayes, elected by acclamation
- IV. The state of the parish report was presented by Donald Harris.
 - i) Bids for classroom renovations have been received. The bids are \$40,000, \$40,000, and \$30,000. An itemized list of the prospective repairs is attached.
 - ii) The parish rummage sale will take place October 17-19th, 8 am to 6 pm.
 - iii) The parish's annual golf tournament fundraiser is Friday November 14th. (All council members are highly encouraged to attend the entire day, 8 am until 6 pm..)
- V. PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL. Father Lopez explained the parish's plans for the perpetual adoration chapel.
 - i) The problem previously had been that laity were exposing the Eucharist and this is not proper. Additionally there had been a problem with hours which were not covered.
 - ii) The current plan is to move adoration into to the Cathedral and finish the ironwork which encloses the chapel to include a gate/door.
- VI. HALLOWEEN. Father Lopez expressed the desire that the parish have a Halloween celebration, Friday October 31st.
 - i) First the council should look into the possibility of participating in Central Catholic's celebration, if there is one.
 - ii) If Central Catholic is not holding an event, then the council should organize a 2 hour event which could commence as early as 6 pm since there will not be a vigil Mass scheduled.
 - iii) Alicia Harley volunteered to contact Central Catholic to inquire about their plans and also to coordinate the event if no one else could be found.
 - iv) President Chupe canvassed members as to who else could assist with Halloween and Lupita Garcia, Kim Yzaguirre, Adolfo Rodriguez and John Hendricks volunteered.

VII. COMMUNION CUSHION. John Hendricks asked about the possibility of placing a cushion in front of the Communion railing in order to help the parishioners who kneel during Holy Communion to feel less conspicuous. Father Lopez explained that:

- i) This is more of pastoral concern than parish council concern and in spite of the US Council of Catholic Bishop's desire to see people stand to receive the Eucharist, priests are nevertheless forbidden to force people to stand.
- ii) Though the Cathedral's priests do stand behind the railing, it is not their intent to pressure anyone into kneeling, rather that this helps make more room for people to pass thru and also makes it possible for who want to kneel to have the railing as a support.
- iii) The parish still possesses kneeling cushions for the Communion rail and they will be placed in front of the railing.

VIII. REVERENCE DURING COMMUNION. Patrick Hayes expressed the concern that some people at the Cathedral appeared to receive Holy Communion in a lackadaisical manner and made the following motion: The priests of the parish should regularly hold a "teaching moment" regarding the Eucharist, Its value and Its meaning and that the priests should clarify that this "teaching moment" comes as a result of concern on the part of the parish council. Kim Yzaguirre seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

IX. FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN. Patrick Hayes reported that there apparently had been no abortions performed at the abortion clinic during the past week and mentioned that the support given to the campaign by the Bishop and priests of the Diocese was a great help. Father Lopez said another general announcement would be made to the parish on the weekend of October 19th. Informational flyers will be placed in the pews. Mention was also made of the parish youth group perhaps participating in the campaign.

X. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Orfie Hernandez presented the status of the Religious Education program, that the enrollment this year has risen from 186 last year to 209 this year (see attachment).

XI. ST. JOSEPH'S HALL MAINTENANCE POSITION. Dale Bidy, guest, offered his services as a full-time maintenance person to manage St. Joseph's hall. Patrick Hayes moved that the Cathedral staff present a written proposal stating both the need for and the cost of the position at the next parish council meeting. Seconded by John Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously

XII. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Father Lopez.