

## **St. Augustine Catholic Church**

### **Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

**July 25, 2006**

Katharine Anderson	Bill Knapp	Paula Mierzwa	Father Mike Schmied
Tracy Belcher	Carlos Lerma	Fidel Rubio	Consuelo Segura
Bunny Fitzpatrick	Mary Lou Marple	Anthony Sadowski	Amber Vojtecky

#### **Prayer and Reflection**

Bill led prayer and reflection by reading from John 6:1-15. The question asked was, "When do you take time away to be with the Lord?"

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the May meeting were accepted as written and have been posted on the bulletin board.

#### **Parish Voice**

Bunny keeps hearing about the doors being left open, especially the door at the end of the hallway by the bathrooms, the nursery and the attic. Consuelo commented that if you don't have a key, you cannot always lock the doors. The biggest issue we have is security and everyone needs to be aware of that. Any staff or volunteer should check to see that doors are locked as events are winding down or upon closing up.

The safety issue of the candles that are lit was brought up. These candles are on a marble topped table, which should help the fire hazard issue. They should be in an iron rack. There aren't a lot of candles over there.

#### **Committee Voice**

##### **Worship Committee:**

The Worship Committee was given the responsibility of the nursery and the decision was made to close the nursery and the keys were turned in. The nursery was left open and lights were left on. There are safety concerns, cleaning needs to be done, etc. They have asked for volunteers the last few Sundays and only five (5) people are interested. There will be a meeting on August 6 between the 9 am and 11 am masses. The five (5) people interested, Bunny feels they all really want to help. One person also wants to be on a committee. One person said until the nursery is reopened, they plan to attend another parish.

Once guidelines are in place, the nursery can reopen. However, once the nursery reopens, someone needs to monitor the nursery to make sure it is cleaned up and locked after each use. The guidelines need to be as simple as possible.

Fidel responded that the Hispanic Community does not use the nursery. They want everyone to be at mass as a family. Father Mike would also like to see the Hispanic community use the nursery.

Bunny checked with St. Ann's and they have two (2) staff, paid \$15 per mass, and some volunteers to help out. They have very few children at that parish and the children usually have free play.

Epiphany has three (3) paid staff and also have volunteers. The coordinator schedules the volunteers. They also have two (2) classrooms they can open if they are needed.

Bunny called to speak with Kirk Hittman, Director of Risk Management, to check on the legal ramifications, state regulations and liability issues.

## **Hispanic Committee:**

The following activities are planned:

1. The Annual Retreat has been set for September 23, 2006.
2. The summer trip for August 19, 2006 will be to Luray Caverns. There are two busses with 55 seats each. The tickers are \$25.00 per person. We are working on a group discount to the caverns. The discount tickers will be \$13.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. The cost of the buses is \$908.00.
3. There was a meeting for the St. Augustine Feast held on August 19, 2006. There will be a pig roast, play, decorations, and a book sale featuring the book of confessions. Side dishes are needed for this event. T-shirts are on sale after each mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine. These golf-type shirts will have a picture of St. Augustine on the left breast and will sell for \$12. A portion of the proceeds from the t-shirt sale will be given to the building fund. Clean up after this event will be the Hispanic Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. Mary Lou suggested that we recognize everyone that turns 60 this year, as this is a special celebration year for Father Mike. Bill sent a sign-up sheet around for clean up. It is hopeful that we can contact Richard and give him the plaque and gift card we have for his service as past PPC Chair.
4. On August 5, there will be a Healing Celebration.
5. Consuelo attended a "Health Provider" class at the Red Cross. There was lots to learn...how to take a temperature; cancer information; stroke information; what types of food to give someone with high blood pressure or high cholesterol. These things can be passed on to the community. These classes are free and registration takes place again on August 22.

### **3-Year Plan**

**"Welcoming"**. It was decided that we assign Council members to come to the Welcome New Parish Members. That is only one (1) Sunday a month. Bill has been to the Hispanic masses and they are very welcoming.

Several changes were made to the 3-Year Plan. It was also brought to the attention of the Council that nothing is in place for handicapped or senior parishioners.

There will be no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary