

Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Meeting of St. Andrews Pastoral Planning Council

The meeting opened at 7PM. Present were Father Kevin, John and Christine Kemp, Annemarie Leyden, Alex Rosada, Maricela Eumana, Maria Morales, Raquel Isaza, Senen Martinez, Lois Seelandt, Eleanor Petty, Ann Smyth, Veronica Lorenzo and Irene Gordillo

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Ann Smyth reported that we are awaiting the permit for the October 15th Block Party closing Ridge Blvd from 12 to 4. The ministries will have booths, and there will be games for the kids. Box lunches will be available.

Senen Martinez spoke about the Third Avenue Festival scheduled for Sunday, Oct 2nd from 10 am to 6 pm and organized by Guadalupe Sanchez. The old banner will be available for display. Bulletins from St. Andrews will be available.

Wednesday Nov. 30th is the Feast of St. Andrew. It was suggested that we hold a Coffeepot Sunday and cater the food. The room could be decorated and a video or power point about St. Andrews presented. The dates would be December 3rd and 4th. Our website continues to be active and has many visitors.

St Vincent de Paul will continue to sell wreaths this year. A pick- up date needs to be set. Advent preparations include the ordering of calendars and books of daily reflections in English and Spanish. A Christmas Pageant is being planned. The National Eucharistic Revival Resources online could be a source of ideas for other projects. Saturdays could include a mission and confession followed by Mass.

Raquel Isaza reported on plans for a Novena after the 12:30 Mass on nine Sundays starting on October 16th and ending on December 11th. On December 12th for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe there will be an opening at 5AM and a Mass at 6AM followed by grab and go breakfast. There will also be a Mass at 7:30PM. Father Kevin will say the 6AM Mass and Father Hector will say the 7:30 Mass. Flowers will be set up on Dec. 7 and refreshed on December 11 in preparation for the celebrations.

Monte Bros. prepared a proposal to update the sound system in the Church. The system is 47 years old. The cost would be \$29,000. The financial status of St. Andrews is still being assessed, and the finance council will meet at 7PM on September 19th. We are still planning to redo the sacristy as Father Greg wished.

Father Kevin would like to Recommission the Pastoral Planning Council at the 11AM Mass on September 25th. He will also place pictures of parish council members in the Gathering Space. On September 18th the Catechists will be blessed at the 11AM Mass. The date for the recommissioning of the Eucharistic Ministers has not been set. Priests will be available for Quincenera celebrations. The fees go to the rectory. A preparation team will be formed for future Baptisms.

The Parish Council needs a mission statement and goals need to be set for the year. We will gradually be returning to the use of holy water, ministers' entry, the carrying up of the gifts, the procession with the cross and other rituals eliminated during the Covid epidemic. Reminder: All volunteers working with children need to be retrained and certified.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

All future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month in Kiernan Hall at 7PM

Respectfully submitted:

Eleanor Petty