

## Pastoral Council Meeting

July 14, 2010

Rev. Kirby Garner opened the meeting with a prayer, and Norma Hernandez, Council Chairperson, welcomed and thanked the members for being present. Members Present: Fr. Kirby, Norma Hernandez, Tom Hughes, Jim Coy, Oralia Garza, Luisa Lee, John Kinnett, Deacon Rey Garza. Absent: Cosme Cuellar, Tom Pena, Alfredo & Connie de los Reyes. The minutes were read and approved.

Ms. Martie Owan, Principal, Santa Cruz Catholic School, reported that Santa Cruz Catholic School is entering its 4<sup>th</sup> year. The first year the school had 28 students, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year 45, 3<sup>rd</sup> year 63, and this year there are applications for 100 students. The grade levels are Pre-K3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The school library will be opened and administered by Ms. Perissis, Librarian. All faculty members will be returning, except for Sister Mary David. Two more Dominican sisters will be joining the faculty: Sister Mary Joseph, and a first year teacher Sister Mary Judith. Every classroom has 3 computers; there are 4 in the library, and 10 in the computer lab. A grant will be submitted to the Kennedy Foundation for computer software, furniture, and other required items. The Read-a-Ton program pledges were used to purchase reading books and a "Ticket to Read" supplemental reading program. Parents are asked to give 20 hours of service to the school. Ms. Owan stated that the school has 2 chairpersons for the school gala in the spring of 2011, and a full advisory board.

Ms. Kathleen Lossau, a member of the Catholic Diocese for Catholic Scouting, was invited by Fr. Kirby to report on her work with the Boy Scouts and present a proposal for Santa Cruz Catholic Church to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 128. There was discussion that all adults working with boy scouts will be required to take the Diocesan Ethics and Integrity class, and are required to attend the Scout Protection class every year. Ms. Lossau's proposal is that she be the focal point for Fr. Kirby, Santa Cruz Catholic Parish, and School on all scouting matters. Ms. Lossau will be working with the school, and the church to involve more students in scouting. Scout Troop 128. Mr. Tom Hughes made the motion that Santa Cruz Parish sponsor Scout Troop 128. Mr. Jim Coy second the motion, and the members voted for Santa Cruz Catholic Church, Buda to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 128 unanimously.

Mr. Hughes, Council member reported on the Parish Web-site progress. This is an effort to have all parish ministries, organizations and function to construct a Web Page on the Parish Web-site. A form was presented to each parish entity to assist in the construction of the web page. A report was presented of the organizations that have a web page and the ones that do not. Mr. Hughes gave examples of why the web site is important for the publication of mission statements, meetings, event schedules, membership information, and recruiting. Fr. Kirby reiterated that if someone is moving from another area, they can view the many opportunities for them to get involved at Santa Cruz Parish.

Ms. Hernandez gave an update on the Holy Cross Festival. Tickets were mailed to every parishioner, and they may be turned in to the parish office or weekly after each mass sale in the church narthex. Ms. Hernandez also reported that Mr. Cosme Cuellar chaired a

planning meeting to announce the Holy Cross Festival organization structure, schedule of events, and food booth offerings of 12 Santa Cruz Groups or individuals. The following are the chairpersons for each structure: Food Booths- Ms. Eva Ginn, Security- Mr. Jim Coy, Games- Ms. Jennifer Eckhardt, Parking- Mr. Tom Pena, Electric- Mr. Lee Verver, Financial- Ms. Natalie Hernandez, Raffle- Ms. Barbara Pecuch. Four music groups, and 2 Mariachi bands will play free starting at 12:00 pm and ending at 6:30 pm.

Fr. Kirby provided a copy of the Santa Cruz Parish Hall Rental Application for council members review. Fr. Kirby related requests that had been made by prospective renters for a reduced price. A discussion was held on the value of having one price for all renters, a policy that everyone is treated the same. Rev, Kirby asked if the council members were in agreement. After discussion, the council members unanimously agreed that everyone be given equitable treatment.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2010. Fr. Kirby will be on vacation during the month of August. Fr. Kirby led the members in with the “Lord’s Prayer” to end the meeting.