

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 12, 2010

Minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting on May 12, 2010, 7 PM: Fr. Kirby opened the meeting with a prayer , and Mrs. Norma Hernandez welcomed and thanked the members for being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Ms. JoAnna Rubio and Ms. Lupita Bodony gave a presentation of the state of Santa Cruz Religious Education. Currently there are 560 families approximately 1000 children enrolled. There are 149 students for First Communion and 38 for Confirmation. The tuition is \$ 40 per child with a cap of \$ 120 per family. Sessions are held Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. There are over 120 volunteer Catechist, catechist aides, office aides, and helpers. The program used 18 class spaces, including the Education building and the Office/PAC Building. Each child is required to attend 28 education sessions and turn in an attendance at Mass envelope once a month. Next year 2010/2011 two sessions will be added to accommodate the growth. This compares with our past history at the old I 35 site where 300 children were in the program.

Ms. Bodony highlighted the 9-12th grade program, Faith Formation Process, with 250 students and facilitated by 15 to 20 teachers. It is projected there will be 90 students for confirmation next year.

Of concern is the drop off of student attendance after First Communion and Confirmation. Recent trends have improved after Confirmation but more parent attention to this issue is required. It is projected there will be 219 First Communion students next year.

Next on the agenda Ms. Hernandez reported the Gala held to support Santa Cruz School netted \$ 18,000 and deemed a success as all parish organizations came together. The date for the 2011 Gala will be in February all parents of school children and parishioners are encouraged to get involved and support the school.

The last agenda item was a report by Mr. Jim Coy with regards to the progress on possible locations for the Christ Renews the Parish Retreat (CHRP). A possible site has been contact and awaiting further developments.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will include a report on the progress of the September 26, 2010 Festival and Raffle. Also a report on Santa Cruz School and progress on the ministries and organizations constructing Web Pages on the Santa Cruz Catholic Church Web Site.

Fr. Kirby concluded the meeting with a prayer.

Members present:

Fr. Kirby, Norma Hernandez, Deacon Rey Garza, Jim Coy, Tom Hughes, Luisa Lee, Connie de los Reyes, Alfredo de los Reyes, John Kinnett