

Minutes Parish Assembly 1/16/2021 Meeting

Sad News from the Hispanic Community:

Edwardo Gonzales died in the early morning of 1/16 from COVID. He was very involved in the parish community and he will be missed greatly. Since his family is in Mexico, we are not aware of service plans at the church. The Hispanic community will determine the next steps. Prayers will be added to the daily masses during the intensions. We will offer prayers after each mass during intensions.

Attendees:

Lynn Angeli, Stella Agudelo, Letty Gutierrez, Gary Kramer, Kathy Leone, Jeanne Nelson, Esther Padilla, John Paneno, Paul Schwarz, Fr. Aaron DePeyster, Rick Rosa, Arleen Rodriguez, Israel Alcaraz

AGENDA ITEMS:

Diocese Update on COVID (Fr Aaron)

Bishop sent out an email to all parishes asking them to focus on keeping people safe and employed. We had the highest number of deaths last week and we need to go out of our way to keep people safe. Though many of the churches offer mass in the parking lots, people should stay home if they feel uncomfortable. People attending mass in the parking lot need to go to the hand sanitizer and have their temperature checked. Attendees must maintain a safe distance at mass. Sometimes family's make it difficult because we don't always if all in the group is part of the family or not. Groups at mass should be for those living in the same home. Chairs should also be put back in place between masses and will be sanitized. **Arleen** will put together an announcement reminding parishioners of the protocols for outdoor Mass during COVID. Announcements will be in bulletin and during mass. Also COVID testing will be available starting Jan 21st Thursday in the church parking lot.

Members of the Assembly expressed concerns that we need to move the sanitizing station for Mass to a more centralized location instead of being near the Youth room. (**Fr Aaron** will discuss during the next Staff meeting).

Stella mentioned that she was able to get an appointment for the vaccine. It appears that they are scheduling vaccines for those who have jobs serving the community face to face. More information will follow over the next few weeks.

Parish Finance Update (Rick Rosa)

Resurrection Parish financials have been through November. December will be presented on Wednesday January 20th. Income vs Expense: After 5 months starting July 2020, we are favorable \$23k vs the budget in Net revenue (income minus expenses). These are very good results since income during COVID was questionable. December is looking ahead of average and we don't expect any extraordinary expenses. We need to keep to our budget especially during these times. Outside masses have made income unpredictable. Lately, total plate collections have been up about \$9k per week split almost equally (\$3k on line, \$3k at outdoor masses and \$3k dropped off at the office). We need at least \$7k per week to pay bills. Fortunately, we have had no major expenses over the last 6 months.

Resurrection has 2 financial accounts. Exchange Bank is the checking account which started with \$250k before COVID and is now \$140k due to a significant drop in revenues (primarily plate collections at Mass). We were spending more than we were taking in during the early months of COVID. The second account is with the Santa Rosa Dioceses and is used as a reserve fund for emergencies. This account requires approval from the Diocese to withdraw and is intended to be used for extraordinary emergency expenditures. Though it could be used for some high cost church improvements (i.e. new air conditioning system), the Diocese prefers us to use our checking account at Exchange Bank first or fundraise for large expenditures.

Parish Staff Update.

Gale and Fr Aaron are still working from home. All Sacraments still happening. Parish Staff are still in place except for Marge's old position which will not be filled. Currently, Arleen and Veronica are doing a good job filling in for the tasks for Marge's position. Terry has reduced her hours of work from 30 to 20 per week. Alex is in Tanzania now and expected not to return until March. Milanbo is the backup Custodian person filling in for Alex. Israel is now responsible for Maintenance.

Parish Maintenance Updates:

The Maintenance role is growing for the parish. Wood chips will be moved by **Israel** this week. **Lino** has cleaned up the parish grounds. We are getting a new "Smart" door for the offices with card key or keyless entry. We will also be installing a Camera "Ring" doorbell to allow conversation before entry. Once COVID is over, Israel will be looking for volunteers from the Spanish and English communities to work on parish projects and build community together. He is willing to help establish this group again as we look at new ways to reach across the communities.

Planning for Lent:

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 17 this year. Due to COVID, Ashes will be sprinkled over the head not placed on the forehead. There will be a 9:30AM English mass, a Noon Ash Distribution Service in English and a 5PM Spanish mass. Details and preparation will be handled by the staff. Outside of these times, people can come to the office to get ashes. Stella will do the planning for ash distribution. Pay attention to bulletins and announcements. Lent booklets will be distributed during the masses.

Nominations of 2021 Assembly Members:

Fr. Aaron asked if all current members are willing to remain in the Assembly until the impact of COVID diminishes and new elections can take place. All attending members agreed to stay on the Assembly. Kathy Leone asked to no longer be the Secretary and John Paneno accepted the position. **Fr. Aaron** will contact the following members that were not in the meeting to verify their willingness to remain on the Assembly: **Jaime Enriquez, Griselda Esparza, Mario Rodriguez, Josh Wagle.**

NEXT Meeting:

Propose Zoom Meeting March 13th at 10:30AM