

MINUTES
St. Alice Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting

November 29, 2017

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Members of the council	Fr. Mark Bentz, Peg Ries, Angela Stout, Maria Vargas, Dave Haggard, Lisa Wasson, Marvin Jarvis, Ferdinando Montes
Staff Members	Norma Oulette
Absent	Simon Manuel, Maricela Ochoa, Jesus Aguilar, Cornelio Garibay, Lourdes Mendez, Maria Morey, Gustavo Torres, Francisco Garcia, Christine Beldner

1. Opening Prayer by Fr. Mark.
2. Report of the Mission Statement Sub-Committee
 Sub-Committee members Fr. Mark, Peg Ries, Lisa Wasson, Angela Stout, and Dave Haggard reported on their deliberations and recommended the following draft mission statement:

Seek Jesus, build relationships, and show all of Springfield the way to Heaven
Busca a Jesus, construye relaciones, y muestra a todo Springfield el camino al Cielo.

ACTION: It was agreed that the English and Spanish drafts would be published in the Parish bulletin, and a comment period ending January 22, 2018 was established. The comments will be gathered by Peg Ries; the sub-committee will review and synthesize the comments and report to the Pastoral Council at its next meeting, January 24.

3. Marvin Jarvis and Dave Haggard reported on the arrangements for the 70th Anniversary Event. The St. Alice Mom's Group will handle set-up; altar servers will help serve food; many more helpers are needed for clean-up. Free tickets will be distributed as a means of estimating attendance, and announcement will be made at all masses for the next several weeks. Jason has prepared a slide presentation showing historical photos of St. Alice parishioners and activities throughout the years and an exhibit of other historical St. Alice artifacts, scrapbooks, etc. The food will be catered by Virgil Netherton.

Fr. Mark added that the Feast Day Mass immediately before the event will be an all-community Mass in both English and Spanish.

4. Fr. Mark reviewed the schedule for the *Our Lady of Guadalupe* celebration, which will be parish-wide, using Interactio. On December 11th, the Rosary will begin at 10:45 p.m., followed by the Aztec Dancers (who will be performing together for the last time), and then Love Songs to the Virgin. On December 12th, the church will open at 9 a.m. and remain open all day; the all community Mass will begin at 6 p.m.
5. Fr. Mark announced that a phone-based stewardship drive has been planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th. Its purpose is not only to increase the return rate for stewardship pledge forms and thus, our operating income, and enable our budget projections to be

more realistic, but also to gather address/phone changes, information such as those who may have moved out of the community, and to answer questions about the budget process, lingering concerns about giving personal information, etc. Scripts are being developed now, and the effort is being coordinated by Admin Council member Charlie Burnham. Fr. Mark said that we are especially in need of Spanish-speaking callers.

6. Fr. Mark announced the Healing Retreat at St. Alice, which is scheduled for February 22 – 24. Financial assistance is available. Sessions will have live Spanish translations, and Spanish workbooks will also be available.

An additional session on Friday morning, February 23rd, “Day of Equipping,” will be available for an additional cost. This workshop will help participants learn how to pray *with* others.

7. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 24, 2018, from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
8. Good of the Order
 - Lisa Wasson mentioned that the line-up of parishioners for confession before November 1st Saturday Mass was very long, and there was confusion about how/where to line up, stand, sit, etc.
 - Dave Haggard asked about the nature of the Parish’s fundraising strategy for outreach. Angela Stout commented that the Mom’s Group does raise some money for various church activities, though the amounts are not all that large. Fr. Mark responded that we need to move away from fundraising to cover operating expenses; operating costs should be planned and covered primarily based on stewardship commitments. Fundraisers for special outreach activities *not* included in the operating budget are a different matter.
 - Angela Stout asked about key access to the Education Center for the Mom’s Group meetings, whether they could store items within the Ed Center, and access to the Chapel.

9. Due to the heavy agenda, Formation Session 2 – Great Catholic Parishes was postponed.

10. Fr. Mark offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.