



## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

### January 4, 2017

#### I. Opening

- a. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- b. Council members present were: Rosie Carrillo, Simon Medrano, Dana Reynolds, Warner Davis, Cosme Delgado, and Diana Baker. Also present was Father Victor and Irma Gaitan and Blanca Castillo of the St. John's Matlachines. Absent were Rodney Hidrogo and Roberta Hale.
- c. Opening prayer was offered by Simon Medrano.
- d. The Council reviewed and approved the November 9, 2016 meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rosie Carrillo and seconded by Dana Reynolds; it was approved unanimously.

#### II. Reports

- a. Father Victor immediately gave the floor to the Matlachines representatives for their presentation to the Council to become an official Church ministry. They are a prayer group that dances. They pray with their feet. Their mission is to educate, clarify and evangelize. In San Marcos, they have a special reverence for the river, the aquifer and the environment. Becoming an official Church ministry will allow them raise funds and recruit others to their ministry. The council made a motion to recommend to Father Victor that the Matlachines become a St John the Evangelist Church ministry, and that they should operate independently from other Church ministries. The motion was made by Cosme Delgado and seconded by Rosie Carrillo. It passed unanimously. Father Victor accepted the recommendation and agreed with the council that the Matlachines should become part of the structure of the Church. From this time on, the Matlachines will be known as the St. John the Evangelist Matlachines.



- b. Father Victor reported growth in the following Church ministries last year:
  - 1. With 35 students this year, the Youth Ministry, led by Monica Vannilla, just finished a clothing drive and will soon begin a hygiene drive to collect soap and shampoo for the poor.
  - 2. ESL , or English as a Second Language, has proven to be a good service for the entire community. They hosted 60 students this year with good learning results
- c. USA Bishops are promoting 5<sup>th</sup> encounter or V Encuentro. This is done every 5 or 6 years to promote Hispanic culture within the church. We are all called to become authentic and joyful missionary disciples that give witness to God's love with a prophetic voice in a culturally diverse church. V Encuentro, is a process of ecclesial reflection and action aimed at bringing Hispanic culture into the liturgy.
- d. San Juan Diego ministry was dissolved. Their remaining funds will be used to buy pulpit candles.

### **III. Old Business**

- a. The council continued reviewing and discussing proposed changes to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, specifically item VI which states that the Church should provide spiritual formation that leads to encounter. Pastoral Council president Warner Davis will get an updated list of ministries. The Parish ministries list is currently in revision. The list will be presented when it is completed by parish staff
- b. Woman's CRHP in Spanish will be moved back to September

### **IV. New Business**

- a. It was noted that many of the financial problems that force families to reach out for aid to St. Vincent DePaul are caused by poor money management. Warner Davis proposed that the church sponsor the Dave Ramsey course on how to manage your money and get out of debt.

### **V. Close**

- a. Closing prayer was offered by Cosme Delgado.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.