

**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH**  
**Parish Council Minutes –December 17, 2015**

**Members present:** Father Peter Martinez; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Deacon Frank; Jody Hoelscher [Catholic Daughters of America]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]; Rick Marcantonio

**The Parish Mission Statement:** “St. Paul the Apostle Parish Community exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the Mission of Jesus the Christ, the salvation of all humankind, by living and spreading the Good News.”

Topic	Discussion	Action
Opening	Meeting was opened at 6:00 pm, with prayer by Father Peter	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by Father Peter	
Religious Education, Edge, and Life Teen – Deacon Frank	Deacon Frank reported that the recent Religious Education Christmas party was a resounding success, and had the best St. Nick ever [Stan Bienia]. Life Teen will have a Retreat at Camp Zephyr on January 15 through 17, 2016.	
Liturgy Committee– Deacon Frank	Deacon Frank reported about Altar Servers’ scheduled for Christmas Masses. He complimented the Altar and Rosary Society, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus for preparing the church for the Christmas season. They worked well together, had fun, and enjoyed the moment!	
Finance Council – Father Peter	Council did not meet in December. Father recently sent a Newsletter to parishioners which included a recap of the parish’s overall financial picture.	
Grounds and Facilities – Rick Marcantonio	Rick commended Enrique, Pat, Diane and the other volunteers, who continue to impress everyone with their grounds-keeping efforts – from trimming trees, cutting grass, to flower beds, and much more. A job well done!	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	There are currently 3 Candidates for the Rite of Election	
ACTS Retreats – Father Peter	The next 4 ACTS Retreats will be combined with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Women’s ACTS: April 7-10, 2016, with St. Paul leading; and June 2-5, 2016, with OLPH leading. Men’s ACTS: June 9-12, 2016, with OLPH leading; and September 15-18, 2016, with St. Paul leading.	
Women’s ACTS Retreat	See above report.	
Knights of Columbus – Rick Marcantonio	The Knights did great in helping the Boy Scouts with their first Barbeque at St. Paul’s. Knights delivered 10 complete turkey dinners to needy parishioners. Many thanks to Deacon Ed for donating the turkeys, and the Knights for providing all the sides and desserts.	
Catholic Daughters of America – Jody Hoelscher	They provided and delivered Food Baskets to the home-bound parishioners They continue to distribute raffle tickets for the Ethnicfest.	
Respect Life –	No report	
Altar and Rosary Society	No report	
Bereavement – [report provided by Juanita Lusson]	Lunch was provided for 75 family and friends of Ms Maria Rodriguez. This was provided at the Ether Eyerly Senior Center, since the Hall was being used for Toys for Tots.	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	There are now 7 homebound parishioners being served by the Eucharistic Ministers.	

Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	On December 19 <sup>th</sup> , the Legion will provide Christmas caroling at their usual centers on Airline and Saratoga	
Hands of Mercy – [report from “Twinkle” Copeland]	Report for November 2015 --- 79 Adults, 66 Children, for a total of 145 recipients served 10 New persons Total equivalent amount given = \$1335.00 It was a very busy time for the Hands of Mercy crew!	
Health Ministry	No report	
St. Paula’s Guild	No report	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	No report	
<u>New Business</u>	No report	
Next Meeting	<b><u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016, AT 6:00 PM</u></b>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Frank at 6:45 pm	