

Holy Name Council #12503 • Special Business Meeting 09-06-2021 • MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER • IN-PERSON MEETING • 7:35 PM

Roll Call: GK Steve Martinez, Tom Thistle, Rod Falkenstein, Frank Bruzek, Dave Porreca, Vince Castagna, Bill Singer, Curt Howard, John McGonigle, Paul Driscoll.

Grand Knight's Special Business Meeting Report:

1. In the aftermath of the tornado that ripped through Mullica Hill and surrounding areas, several families in our area, Parish, and in our Council are in need of urgent assistance.
2. Discussion started with a report on Brother Knight and Guard Milagro Lopez, whose house was destroyed by the tornado.
3. Members talked with the Church and the Church is working with Harrison Township officials to determine what types of services and donations are needed.
4. The Parish is collecting gift cards and will work with the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the township to work on distribution.
5. PGK John McGonigle reported that he has been in touch with Milagro (Ed) Lopez and toured his property. Cleanup is underway but there is no timeline for rebuilding. Estimates that it may be a year before it is rebuilt. The Lopez family is currently living in a hotel in Swedesboro. They are looking for temporary housing in Mullica Hill, two bedrooms.
6. Gift cards would be a great help, the family is grateful for any help. It was suggested that diner gift cards would help as they are unable to cook at their current location.
7. A member of our Parish, Jennifer DeVito Cauci lived on Salvador Drive and her house was destroyed as well. She and her family are temporarily staying at the Residence Inn in Deptford.
8. Parishioner Phil Pelosi suggested support for the Cauci family in the form of cash or a check.
9. Conversation ensued on fundraising for victims of the tornado and suggested that members give through the Parish.
10. Talked about setting up a GoFundMe page to help victims on our website.

Motion to donate \$1,000 to Milagro Lopez and Family, \$500 to Cauci family, and \$500 to the Parish to help others in the community. The Council will take these monies from our account and will fundraise at least \$500 to help from our members. Motion by Bill Singer, 2nd by Frank Bruzek. Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED, 8:03 pm.

PGK Paul Driscoll, Recorder