

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Adopt a proclamation recognizing the 143rd Anniversary of El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church.

ITEM TYPE

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

MEETING DATE

April 2, 2013

AMOUNT REQUIRED

N/A

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REQUESTED BY

Liz Gonzales/Hays County Clerk

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N/A

SUMMARY

Please refer to attached proclamation.



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 143rd ANNIVERSARY OF
EL BUEN PASTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HAYS §

WHEREAS, in 1870, at the Texas conference of the United Episcopal Church, a decision was made to open a Methodist Church in San Marcos; and

WHEREAS, the church was established by Spanish-speaking lay leaders and Anglo preachers, many of whom were baptized in the San Marcos River; and

WHEREAS, the bell at El Buen Pastor Methodist Church has the date 1886 inscribed on it because it marks the building of the second El Buen Pastor Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the original church that the First United Church Brothers helped build was torn down because the bell tower was in danger of collapsing and a new smaller church was built from the salvaged lumber at the same address on Fredericksburg Street, where services were held there for the next 65 years; and

WHEREAS, after the arrival of Carlos Garcia in 1949, church leaders started a construction fund to build a new church. The women made tamales and the men cooked barbeque to raise funds and Attorney Henry Kyle, Sr. donated the legal work and Ted Breihan donated the electric work; and

WHEREAS, El Buen Pastor Methodist Church, which is still in use today, and is located at the corner of LBJ Drive and Grove Street in San Marcos.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Hays County Commissioners' Court does hereby recognize the 6th day of April, 2013 as:

THE 143rd ANNIVERSARY OF EL BUEN PASTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

And calls upon the citizens of Hays County to recognize the development of Hispanic churches as a major contribution to Hays County culture by the Mexican American Community.

ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 2013

Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Mark Jones
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Will Conley
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ray Whisenant
Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Liz O. Gonzalez
Hays County Clerk



Hays County Commissioners Court Invocation
April 2, 2013
By Rev Esperanza Baltazar-Ramirez
Senior Minister at El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church in San Marcos

Chaplain Gary – “This will be an interesting introduction for you to enjoy. Enjoy Rev Esperanza’s ministerial robe and her colorful and celebratory stole.

I am honored today to introduce Rev Esperanza, her son and his family from Mexico who drove here from Mexico just for today’s occasion here in this Court, and many members of her congregation as the Court declares today El Buen United Methodist Church day in honor of the church’s 143rd Hispanic Anniversary as a church here in San Marcos.

Rev Esperanza was a retired kindergarten teacher in Mexico. Her husband also was retired from the academic world. Their United Methodist bishop asked them, as retirees active in their church in Mexico, to consider moving to the United States to be MISSIONARIES in the United States. They accepted this calling to come to be missionaries in our country.

They were appointed to the State of Alabama as missionaries to serve in a United Methodist Church in northern Alabama. Bishop William Willimon was their bishop there for five years. I have had the honor of working jointly with Bishop Willimon at an Academy here in Texas in recent years.

Rev Esperanza’s husband had a stroke and they needed to move closer to Mexico to be nearer to family. So they accepted this call to serve here in San Marcos at a United Methodist Church two years ago.

Rev Esperanza is in her 8th year of study in graduate school at Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University here in Texas.

Liz Gonzales, Hays County Clerk, is a member of the El Buen Pastor UMC congregation and she will now introduce some members here today. (Liz introduced about 10 appreciative members of the congregation who each had large grins and smiles on their face!)

The church’s Anniversary celebration is this Saturday at 11 am at the church. The Bishop will attend, a worship service held, lunch will be served, and a Mariachi band will play. Judge Bert Cobb and Pam and I will be there as guest to celebrate the occasion with them.

I am honored to invite Rev Esperanza now to the podium to give today’s Invocation for this Court.”

Prayer given in English followed by same prayer in Spanish

Lord, You have been the place of comfort for all people of all time. Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, forever and ever, You are God.

We praise your name because you were with the first inhabitants of this place, and were present when people of different races and languages learned to live together in harmony and progress under your divine designs to form a strong and solid nation under God.

We recognize that only your love has sustained us because many times we have failed as people, church and nation.

We want to be an example of love and service, as you taught us. Help us to see your face in our neighbor. May Your Truth and Justice guide us until you call us to your presence.

Thank you for our leaders. We ask you to give them wisdom and grace to carry out the difficult task you have trusted to them.

Help us to live in peace and harmony so that your name may be glorified. Amen.

Same prayer in Spanish (excuse the lack of proper grammatical accents and marks...I typed her copy for you to read. Her original copy was in perfect Spanish obviously!)

Senor, tu nos has sido refugio de generacion en generacion. Antes que nacieran los montes y formaras la tierra y el mundo, desde el siglo y hasta el siglo, tu eres Dios.

Alabamos tu nombre porque estuviste con los primeros pobladores de este lugar, y tambien estuviste presente cuando personas de diferentes razas y lenguas aprendieron a vivir y progresar juntos en armonia bajo tus designios hasta formar una fuerte y solida dirgida por Dios.

Reconocemos que solo tu misericordia nos ha sostenido porque en varisa ocasiones te hemos fallado como iglesia, como pueblo y como nacion.

Queremos ser ejemplo de amor y servicio, como Tu nos los ensenaste. Ayudanos a a ver tu rostro en nuestro projimo y que tu Verdad y justicia nos sigan guiando hasta que nos llames a tu presencia.

Gracias por nuestros gobernantes y te pedimos que les des gracia sabiduria para que lleven a cabo la dificul tarea que les has encomendado.

Ayudanos a vivir en paz y armonia para que tu nombre sea glorificado. Amen.

Help us to live in peace and harmony so that your name may be glorified. Amen.