

## **Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**

January 18, 2018

### **Attendees:**

Lou Hinds (chairman)  
Kathy Greene (co-chair)  
Jan Andrejco – (reporting on Simbang Gabi)  
Joanne Boyko  
Rudy Gomez – (Chairman of Hispanic Ministries)  
Ben Gutierrez  
Lou Hinds  
Jennifer Langley  
Jack Pierson  
Peter Regan (reporting on Church renovations)  
Christine Waldenmaier

**Opening Prayer:** All joined in the opening prayer lead by Lou Hinds.

**Approval of the minutes** – After reading over the minutes, the group approved the November 16th minutes as written with two minor corrections. Ben Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes as written and Jennifer Langley seconded the motion.

### **Peter Regan – Church Renovations**

Peter reported that Fr. Roger, Peter and the architect went before the Buildings and Renovation Committee (BARC) to present this project. The project has been approved. A letter was written to the Liturgical Committee from of the Diocese and they granted approval also. We are waiting for a letter from Diocesan Finance at this time for the final approval. The Diocese will arrange for a construction loan from SunTrust bank and we will pay interest only until we complete the project. After that we will have loans to pay off the balance as soon as possible.

Our contractor is Selvin Rodriguez. He does work all over the Diocese and is fully vetted. He has been here for the past two days working with Accomack County. Permits will take 3-4 weeks at least. We will also need an asbestos report. We are still waiting for final estimates for heating and air conditioning.

Currently trees are being removed from the side of the Church. Carl Grey from Best Ever Tree Care is clearing the trees and vines off the property. Wendy Walker and Peter Regan walked the property line and she agreed with the changes. She agreed to help out with any needs we have for stone.

Work will start possibly 2-3 weeks after Fr. Roger returns on 2/9 if permits are in place. First phase will be demolition which may take 4-6 weeks. It is projected that the reconstruction will take 6-8 months total. When Fr. Roger returns he will select a committee for interior decoration of the Church.

Peter presented a virtual video created by the architect based on our plans. Pictures will be posted in the Church Hall.

Peter Regan thanked Fred Chemi for creating the alcove for the crucifix in the Church Hall. Lou Hinds confirmed with Peter Regan that they would announce at the Masses this coming weekend that a presentation will be made on January 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> after all four Masses with coffee and donuts.

The plan for Mass during the renovation will be to conduct Masses in the Church Hall. Lou Hinds said that we will be going from 150 seats down to 120 seats in the Hall and the foyer. The Blessed Sacrament will remain in the Church Hall. Jennifer Langley asked about First Communion. Peter Regan suggested that we use another Church for the sacraments. Joanne Boyko commented that Confirmation will be held at St. Andrews this year.

Peter Regan said that we will have on-site storage for some of the items currently stored in the Church.

Peter Regan thanked Al Nardone, Ben Gutierrez and Lou Hinds for helping with this initial planning.

### **Simbang Gabi – Jan Andrejco**

Jan reports that we had a great committee this year. Each ministry was assigned a food type and food was plentiful. Two pigs were cooked. There was great participation from the Hispanic and Filipino groups in preparing and serving the food.

We had 150-200 people attend that night. Food tables were set up so that the line was one-way. There was a children's serving table line and the Youth group helped to serve them. Food was enjoyed while standing at 16 new party tables thanks to Fred Chemi.

We had 90 cars and a bus fit in the parking lot. Jan thanked Rudy Gomez for managing the parking.

### **Hispanic Ministry Report – Rudy Gomez**

**Retreat/Concert** - Rudy reported that they are doing the final planning for the Hispanic Retreat/Concert scheduled for this weekend. It will be at Mary N. Smith School from 8 am until 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door and will be \$10.00 each. Food will be sold also. Fr. Jimmy will be here to do adoration on Saturday. Fr. Rene Castillo will say Mass on Sunday at 4 pm. All proceeds will go toward the construction of the new Church.

**Christmas Lights** - They cleaned up and stored the Christmas lights upstairs in the Church storage shed along with the crosses used for Good Friday Stations. Rudy asked about storing the party tables from the Simbang gabi in the shed? After discussion we decided to keep the party tables more accessible and not store them upstairs.

### **Joanne Boyko - Keys**

If we need any more keys we will need all new locks. Joanne suggested that we wait until after the new Church is built to get these new locks. Rudy asked Joanne if the Church Office has a list of who has the

keys. Joanne asked Rudy to check with his ministry coordinators to see who has a key now so that Joanne can compare his list with her list.

Lou Hinds suggested that Joanne put an announcement in the bulletin and to be made at the Masses that anyone who has a key come to the Parish Office. Peter Regan added that we might want to sit outside of Masses to ask for the keys.

**Church Activity Pictures** - Lou Hinds announced that the Diocese has requested pictures of our Parish Activities to be sent to the Catholic Virginian newspaper. He asked Rudy Gomez to check with Consuelo Gonzalez our Hispanic office secretary. Jan Andrejco suggested that Lou check with Tom Familiare for pictures also.

Lou Hinds adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council meeting will be on 12/15/17 at 7 pm.