

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
January 13, 2016

Attendees:

Father Roger
Father Jimmy
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)
Ben Gutierrez
Ivan Deanda (acting as translator for Fr. Jimmy)
Jack Pierson
John Tyson
Joanne Boyko
Peter Regan for the Renovation Committee
Mike Dillenberg for the Capital Improvements Committee
Art Matthews for Buildings and Maintenance
Christine Waldenmaier (taking minutes)

Opening Prayer: All joined in the opening prayer lead by Fr. Jimmy.

Approval of the minutes – John Tyson moved to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Kathy Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the November 12th minutes.

Election of New Pastoral Council positions –

Kathy Greene made a motion that Lou Hinds continue as chairman. Jack Pierson seconded the motion. All were in favor

John Tyson made a motion that Kathy Greene continue as Co-chairperson. Jack Pierson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kathy asked Fr Roger if the meeting times should stay as the second Wednesday of the month. Fr. Roger agreed that this should stay the same if at all possible.

Meatless Soup Supper - Friday, February 12th is the first meatless soup supper. The Pastoral Council usually makes the soup for this event. Kathy decided that we would sign up for this at the end of the meeting.

Parking Lot – John Tyson

After the last Parish Council meeting Accomack County permitting officials asked for a phasing plan, a sediment control plan and a guarantee that the Retention pond would be installed in Phase 2. The earliest start date for the parking lot would be May or June due to Accomack County approval requirements. There has been a new bid from Beauchamp Construction for \$153,400 for both the parking lot improvements and the retention pond. Fr. Roger mentioned that the retention pond had originally been planned for phase 2 of the parking lot with the \$99,120 parking lot improvements as

Phase 1, but Accomack County only approved a combined Phase project. He asked that we do the retention pond after the parking lot improvements. John Tyson commented that the \$99,120 has already increased to over \$100,000. Mike Dillenberg explained that the bid from Beauchamp Construction was purely a contractor's bid that did not include the County officials or George Young engineers. When the engineers looked at all the planning documents they said that it would take until this coming Spring to work all this out. The new Bid from Beauchamp Construction which includes the retention pond is the \$153,400. Mike recommended not delaying the retention pond for too long if we have the money since that price will rise over time.

Peter Regan asked what work would be done for the \$50,000.00 designated for the retention pond. Mike answered that ground would be removed and permeable fabric would be placed down with soils over that. It would be a large enough pond for two parking lots and religious education building expansion.

Benjamin Gutierrez commented that we need to start sooner, not later. He suggested that we dig deep and fund the project.

Peter Regan commented that we need more research since the information is so new and he recommended that the committee members meet with Fr. Roger.

Kathy Greene suggested that we cannot make any decisions in this Council meeting tonight. More information is needed. Fr. Roger stated that if we need to spend the additional money, we may just need to spend it and if needed that he would go forward and present it to the Diocese.

After more discussion, Fr. Roger asked Mike if we approved the \$153,400 bid, how soon we could move on this. Mike Dillenberg said that we would consult the Diocese through Deacon Paul McAfee, get diocesan approval, then we can call and get it started. We would notify Accomack County that we are starting based on the current permits.

Fr. Roger said that he would meet with the Finance Council and Deacon Paul McAfee.

Land Sale – Peter Regan reported that the closing on the sale of the land is planned for Friday 1/20/16. We anticipate that it will take place, but we should not count on the money until the sale is complete.

Living our Mission Diocesan Campaign –

We get two-thirds of all money collected and the Diocese gets one-third of all the money up to our goal (\$400,000). Beyond our goal we get 90% of the money raised. We have \$250,000 already in the bank, \$125,000 from the sale of the land and anticipate from Living our Mission fundraising (\$260,000). We anticipate needing \$700,000 for our Church renovations. The Diocese will send a specialist in fundraising to help us to raise funds and he will meet with certain parishioners to meet and learn about St. Peters. After that we will generate a brochure that talks about the diocesan Living our Mission Campaign and that shows the plans for the new renovations on the Church. The Diocese will be sending Spanish speakers to help with "Living our Mission" from the Hispanic parishioners.

Hispanic Ministries report – Ben Gutierrez

They are thankful that we still have two priests here. They are trying to have an agenda for every event in 2016. They are ready to do fundraising and they are waiting for permission to start. Ben asked if he could announce that this coming Sunday. Peter Regan asked what Ben would announce. Ben would explain to the Hispanic parishioners our plans for renovation and ask for interest in fundraisers. Hispanic ministry heads have suggested holding retreats and conferences for fundraisers.

Fr. Roger told the Council that “Living our Mission” would be separate from these Parish fundraisers. The “Living our Mission” donations would come from individual families as a sacrificial donation for the Diocese and for St. Peters and would come from the Diocese in a packet for each family.

Ivan Deanda suggested that Fr. Jimmy communicate the message to the community and all agreed that he would be the best person to do this.

Items of Importance – Fr. Roger

Fr. Roger explained that he had asked Ben Gutierrez to find out how the Hispanic parishioners felt about a Saturday night Vigil Mass. Ben reported that when he asked, 80% of the parishioners approved of the idea of the second Hispanic Mass. However, Fr. Roger reported that at a recent ministry head meeting, some of the ministry heads wanted more discussion before we announce a Vigil Mass. Fr. Roger said that Fr. Jimmy was willing to serve by having the second Hispanic Mass. At this time, Fr. Roger said that we would continue to have a 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays.

Jennifer Langley asked that we announce that smokers not smoke in front of the Church.

Fr. Roger closed with a Closing Prayer.

Our next meeting will be on Feb 17th at 7 pm.