

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
October 12, 2016

Attendees:

Fr. Roger
Joanne Boyko
Lou Hinds (chairman)
Kathy Greene (co-chair)
Rudy Gomez – (Chairman of Hispanic Ministries)
Ben Gutierrez
Jack Pierson
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 September 14th minutes as written with two minor corrections. Jack Pierson moved to approve the minutes and Kathy Greene seconded the motion.

Yard Sale – Kathy Greene

We have sold 18 tables so far and more articles are being brought in. Ben, Fr. Roger and other men will come and help set up the morning of the Yard Sale at 7 am. Kathy Greene mentioned that she was thankful that the sign was put up announcing the Yard Sale in front of the church. The sale will start officially at 8 am on Saturday Oct 15. Jack Pierson offered his pick-up to take away anything not sold to help carry it to Lighthouse Ministries or Hospice thrift store.

Re-roofing update - Lou Hinds

Tomorrow the project should be finished. Only two bundles of shingles need to be put on. They found some rotten areas of the roof and replaced the plywood in those areas. The gutters should be installed next week. Lou thanked Ben Gutierrez for noticing and pointing out a rotted section that needed replacing, which the roofers changed immediately. Lou commented that he was pleased with how the new roof turned out.

Lou passed out projected cost estimates for the parking lot project, the lighting project, the re-roofing project and the Air Conditioning fix. The total came to \$95,369.00.

Parking lot lighting – Lou Hinds

Today was the last day for the lighting installation. Apparently the poles were placed 5 ft within the A&N electric right-of-way so A&N told us that if they ever needed to use that right-of-way for any reason we would have to move the poles. In addition there is a pole in the right-of-way for the Town of Onley. Jack Pierson (the Mayor of Onley) agreed that the pole there would be fine if we would agree to move it if the town ever needed it moved.

Church Renovation – Fr. Roger

We have three good bidding companies now. We have been promised the bids by next week. After that we will present the project to Sarah Ravin from the Diocesan Finance Department. Subsequently the plans will be presented to the Diocesan BARC for their architect's approval. Jack Pierson asked what the renovation plan was for the interior of the church. Fr. Roger commented that we are hoping to get some used pews to refinish. The plan is that if we don't find any used pews, we will refinish our current pews and make additional pews to match.

Learning Center – JoAnne Boyko

The Diocesan IT department is negotiating with vendors that they were referred to by ANEC. The monthly fees may still be too high for us, but we are waiting to hear from them.

We have submitted two grants to the Home Mission Grant Review Committee and \$3,000.00 has been approved to buy new chairs. This would pay for 75 chairs. A second grant has been approved for \$7,000.00 for the re-roofing. This is that maximum that they can give for one year, but we can re-submit in a new year.

Parking Lot – Camden Brothers had been hired originally to finish the parking lot. The lighting delayed the completion so Lou Hinds filled in the holes left by the lighting installers. Lou suggested that we re-stone 2-3 inches of stone on the older parts of the parking lot which the newer areas of the parking lot already have. Jack Pierson moved that we should spend up to \$5,000.00 to re-stone the older areas of the parking lot. Ben Gutierrez seconded that motion. Ben offered to spread the stone for us.

Fr. Roger commented that we need to formally present this to the finance council, but that since this is a need we can probably go ahead with buying the stone.

Fr. Roger asked if we can put parking stops to keep people from parking too close to the ditch and also to maximize the parking spaces. Lou Hinds said that Charlie can get them for \$10.00 each and we may need about 20. Lou said that the parking stops can hopefully be included in that \$5,000.00.

Church Hall renovation – After the Church renovations get approved we will be celebrating Mass in the Church Hall. Lou Hinds suggested that we replace the current stained ceiling tiles with new tiles using volunteer labor. He also asked if we could buy 5-6 gallons of paint and get volunteers to paint. Kathy Greene offered to get prices for this and Lou Hinds asked her to be in charge of it. Kathy said that she needed room dimensions and then she could let us know. Lou reminded everyone that after we get the new ceiling tiles, newly painted walls and new chairs the Parish Hall will look much better and be ready for holding future Masses, while the church is being renovated.

Father Roger reminded the group that when we are applying for grants we must be very specific as to what the money is intended and spent for - and accountable to the Diocese by attaching all receipts for how it is spent. We recently were forced to return \$700.00 back to the Diocese because of an oversight on our part in using some grant funds.

Hispanic Ministries – Ben Gutierrez and Rudy Gomez

Parish Fall Clean up – Ben Gutierrez

Ben suggested that the council discuss setting up a date for cleanup of the grounds. Ben pointed out that the meeting with the new ministry heads is planned for November 6th. Rudy commented that on October 29th there is a retreat in Richmond for the Hispanic Family Ministries. JoAnne Boyko said that November 5th is available. Consensus was reached that the Fall Parish cleanup day would be on November 5th starting at 8 am.

Lou Hinds asked if we could rent or borrow pressure washers to help to clean up the exterior of the McNulty building. Lou Hinds asked Kathy Greene if we could rent pressure washers. She commented that they had some available. Discussion ensued about finding pressure washers and hoses and planning on using the Termite for ½ day to remove some brush.

Ben offered to help spread the new stone over the parking lot with a Bobcat.

Hispanic Ministries Meeting – Rudy Gomez

Fr. Roger commented that he would be away from November 6-11 so he asked if he could meet with the Hispanic Ministries on October 30th instead of Nov. 6th. Rudy agreed that the Hispanic Ministries would meet on October 30th instead of November 6th. At that meeting Fall Cleanup and Church Hall renovations will be discussed.

Other Items of Importance-

Fr. Roger thanked Lou Hinds for all his oversight of the Parish Projects. Fr. Roger announced that we have been blessed with a donation from the Cockey brothers (Joan Cockey's sons) who donated \$15,000.00 for these projects. Fr. Roger also thanked the Hispanic ministries that have hosted fundraisers which have brought in \$22,000.00. The Hispanic Ministries are planning another two-day retreat to raise more funds for the Church reconstruction. Ben suggested that for a retreat presenter we use a local speaker or someone from the Diocese in order to save more money.

Fr. Roger thanked the Lord for the support of the Council members and for the movement of the church renovations.

Christmas Party Date – Joanne Boyko asked for suggestions as to when to have this party. Lou Hinds suggested the second Friday in December at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

Ben Gutierrez asked when we would have a ministry head meeting for all the ministry heads to present to the Parish Council. Lou Hinds responded that the first meeting in January would be a good time for that.

Fr. Roger said the closing prayer. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be November 16th at 7 pm.