

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
November 12, 2015

Attendees:

Father Roger
Father Jimmy
Lou Hinds (Chairman)
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)
Ben Gutierrez
Ivan Deanda (acting as translator for Fr. Jimmy)
Jack Pierson
John Tyson
Mary Volz for the Finance Council
Jay Davenport for the Finance Council
Joanne Boyko
Peter Regan for the Renovation Committee
Charlie Schmidt for the Renovation Committee
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 October meeting. Kathy Greene seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the October 14th minutes.

New Mass Schedule - Fr. Roger

Fr. Roger announced that after some discussion he and Fr. Jimmy decided that we would have two Masses now in Spanish. For the month of December, Fr. Roger will be saying Masses at St. Andrews while Fr. Mike is on vacation. We will start the two Spanish Masses in January. At that time we will have a Vigil Mass in Spanish at 7 pm on Saturdays.

In addition, due to the overcrowding in the parking lot between the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses, Fr. Roger announced that we will move the 12:30 Mass to 1:00 on Sundays. The change from 12:30 to 1 pm would be starting this coming Sunday, November 15th.

Ivan Deanda commented that the Charismatic community right now meets at 7 pm on Saturdays.

Benjamin said that we could still try this second Mass at 7 pm and see how it works out. Ben did not think that this would be a problem since that Charismatic Group could convene after 7 pm Mass. Ben said that we should consider this a test at first to see if it improves the situation.

Lou commented that the current 5:00 Mass would be moved back to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. That Mass would be bilingual. It would be fully implemented on January 9th.

Fr. Roger would celebrate the 4 pm Mass and Fr. Jimmy would celebrate the 7 pm Mass.

Music Liturgy – Mary Volz

Carolyn Harney current chairperson of the Music Ministry wants to inform the council that she will play one 8 am Mass each month except on months where there are 5 weekends when she will play 2 of the weekends. Mark Nuckols will play the other three, 8 am Masses. Lou explained that we have tried to find musicians to help Carolyn with no response so far. Joanne mentioned that we could ask the local high schools for potential musicians. We would be willing to pay the musician. We discussed using pre-recorded music in the organ and the Yamaha piano. Lou also said that in addition, we may eventually need someone to take over the music ministry.

ACTION ITEM – Contact the Yamaha dealership and the local schools to inquire about musicians.

Parking lot Renovation and lighting – Peter Regan

Lou explained that the Pastoral Council has authorized the parking lot renovation twice before already. We will be hearing a third plan tonight and hopefully this will be the final authorization. Peter passed out a proposal (see attachment) for parking lot expansion. The surface will be crush and run (CR6) for all weather parking places. The Base bid was \$99,120.00. Of that approx. \$30,000 will be for lighting. If the Council approves this it will have to go to the Diocese for approval. Peter Regan said that the Diocese may need at least 2 quotes. John Tyson commented that the other two contractors dropped out when we abandoned our plans for asphalt. JoAnne Boyko asked if they would consider the original bids before plans for asphalt was removed? Peter Regan replied that he did not know what they would consider. Fr. Roger tried to contact Deacon Paul from the Diocese this afternoon, but he was not in the office. Fr. Roger explained that if we present what we have gone through so far to Deacon Paul McAfee that he will most likely give us approval to continue with our plans before winter.

John Tyson commented that Beauchamp Construction would get started as soon as we approve it. Mary Volz asked how we would want the payment? Originally the payments were to be made in increments. Peter responded that at the time of the initial bid they were going to bill every two weeks as the work was completed.

Motion – John Tyson moved that we withdraw all previous proposals for parking lot renovation. Kathy Greene seconded that motion. All approved the motion to withdraw previous proposals.

John Tyson then made a motion that the Pastoral Council authorize the proposal presented on 10/26/2015 by Fr. Roger and Mike Dillenberg. Ben Gutierrez seconded it.

Discussion:

Peter Regan asked whether we should save \$5,000.00 by using crushed concrete base in place of the CR6? John Tyson stated that the crushed concrete would just be the base. Ben asked how many inches of crush and run would be over that base? Ben mentioned that the crushed concrete might bleed through to the surface. Lou Hinds suggested that we settle this question with the contractor. Lou mentioned that it might be a problem if the crushed concrete is spread when the ground is wet.

Lou Hinds commented that this discussion does not change the approval of the base bid of \$99, 120.00 from the Pastoral Council since the crushed concrete would lower that price if we decided to use that.

Parking lot LED lights - Charlie Schmidt passed around a picture of the lights. They are LED and sit on top of 20 ft. poles over a concrete base. They will be hooked up to a timer that we could set so that the lights will not be on all night long – e.g. 11:00 pm.

Jack Pierson commented that we have to consider maintenance of the parking lot also. Clearing snow with a plow may cause some damage to the CR6. Plowing after a winter storm would be a good question.

The group discussed how long the project would take and how we would deal with parking for the Masses if the construction was in process. In addition Jay Davenport pointed out that we may have additional expenses if some of the listed exclusions (see attachment) need to be included. Fr. Roger asked if John Tyson, Charlie and Ben could sit down with the contractor to obtain more information and finalize plans as soon as possible. John Tyson said that we have a meeting planned for the next day.

Motion - Lou Hinds asked that all members of the Pastoral Council in favor of this authorization to move forward with motion presented by John Tyson say Aye. The motion was approved by the Parish Council and Fr. Roger.

Lou asked for authorization from the Finance Council and Mary Volz responded that they were in a position to authorize this proposal. Fr. Roger also gave his approval.

Church Property on Rt. 13 – Peter Regan

We have an offer on the land for \$135,000 which nets us \$125,000 after expenses. There is a 45-day due diligence cause for the purchaser for title searches and soil tests. They want to close before Christmas.

Church Renovation – Peter Regan - The committee has notified the BARC and Eric Bootsma has looked at the walls of the church already. They are doing new drawings now to be taken for the pricing on construction. All the costs still need to be determined. Once everything is priced they will take it to BARC and give them the estimated price for the project. Financial feasibility will be determined and then the Office of Development will help us to determine how to raise money. The existing heating and air conditioning system may still be available to us if we move the conduits to the 4 ft. crawl space under the floor. The plans will be presented sometime in January. After that we will look for fundraising help.

Lou Hinds reiterated that we will need to find help from the parishioners after we introduce the project to the parish in January for all these renovations. Peter Regan agreed that we need fundraising help also. The Diocese can give us recommendations from other Churches that have already gone through this.

Simbang Gabi Mass – Fr. Roger – This will be on Dec. 19th, at 5 PM. We will need to prepare for the Liturgy of the Mass and for the Agape or Sharing of Blessings after the Mass. There were 250

participants last year, but other parishes across the Bay are having their own Simbang gabi so we may not have as many participants from across the Bay this year. The Filipino choir will be coming again this year.

Fr. Roger will be saying all the Sunday Masses from Nov. 15th in Chincoteague until Dec. 17th for St. Andrews. Frs. Roger and Jimmy will alternate daily Masses with Chincoteague, but they will stay in our Parish for Office hours.

Fr. Roger thanked everyone for their support for all the projects in the parish. When the Bishop asked Fr. Roger how we were doing at St. Peters he told the Bishop that we are on the right track and working well together. Fr. Roger pointed out that the moment we start our re-building God will Bless us with more surprises.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Ben Gutierrez invited everyone to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. In the morning they will start Praise and Worship at 5 am with Mass following at 7 am. After work they will meet again at 7 pm.

Ben asked if we could do another Church clean-up before Christmas and set up the lights earlier than last year. Joanne Boyko pointed out that we have the figures for a new crèche and we will need a frame for it. Lou Hinds pointed out that two members have approached him about helping to fund a new crèche.

Action Item – The group approved a Parish clean up and decoration on December 5th at 7 am.

Christmas Party – Joanne Boyko

It will be a covered dish event which includes pastoral council and finance council and all the ministry heads. After some discussion we decided that the Party would have to take place in the Church Hall at Dec. 11th at 6 pm.

Action Item – Joanne Boyko will send out invitations to everyone.

Jack Pierson – The Veterans Day celebration will be at the Veterans Hall this coming Saturday, Nov. 14th at 10:00 am.

Fr. Roger gave the closing prayer.

Next Pastoral Council meeting is Wed. Jan. 13th.