

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

February 15, 2017

Attendees:

Fr. Roger
Lou Hinds (Chairman)
Rudy Gomez – (Chairman of Hispanic Ministries)
Kathy Greene (co-Chair)
Joanne Boyko
Sarah Coleman (reporting on Religious Education)
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 January 18th minutes as written with two minor corrections. Kathy Green moved to approve the minutes as written and Ben Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Peter Regan – Church Renovations

The permits have been received from Accomack County and everything is ready for the renovation. We will be having Mass for the next two Sundays in the Church. On Feb 26th, the 1:00 pm Mass will be the final Mass in the Church. After that Masses will be said in the Church Hall.

Church Pews - Some parishioners have shown interest in taking the current pews. Some used pews for the renovated Church have been researched on the Internet, but often they have been sold by the time we inquire. Peter and Al Nardone are now looking at new pews, but they may cost up to \$35,000 more. Sarah Coleman asked why need the new pews? Peter said that we need 18 ft. pews and the current ones are only 10 ft.

Peter reported that air conditioning and electricity estimates are being evaluated. Peter is very encouraged that the fundraising has been very good and he feels we will pay off the loan rather quickly. Peter projects that the renovation period will be from 6-8 months.

Peter Regan will be contacting the Office of Development at the Diocese next week which helps people run Capital Campaigns to raise money.

Lou Hinds – Procession out of the Church

The plan is that after the last Mass held on Feb 26th the Blessed Sacrament and the candles and the relics will be carried in a Solemn Procession from the Church into the Hall. Father Roger will give the

final blessing in the Church Hall. That same day the pews will be removed and the altar will be brought over to the Hall. Fr. Roger asked Joanne Boyko to put in the bulletin an announcement about this solemn closing rite for the last Mass in the Church.

Temporary storage - There will be a 20 ft storage box on the church property that will be mapped out with stored items in clearly labelled boxes. Packing of church items starts this coming Friday, 2/17/17.

Fr. Roger – Church Hall Activities

Starting February 26th there will be no food allowed in the Church Hall. There will be no meatless soup nights or Pancake supper this year. The Church Hall will be a sacred area. Fr. encouraged some of the ministries to utilize the Religious Ed. Building for meetings and classes when possible. Fr. Roger suggested that all meetings be held in the back of the Religious Ed. Building, not in the area where the smaller chairs and tables for the younger children are set up. Lou Hinds mentioned that the existing foyer area next to the Church can be used for smaller meetings also. Several tables can be placed out there to be used for meetings.

Action Item – Create a sign-up sheet for the next 10 months for every Ministry that wants to use the Church Hall, the foyer area or the McNulty Building. An announcement will be made at the upcoming Masses for the ministry heads to sign up in the Church Office. Jennifer Langley offered to work with Joanne Boyko and Consuelo Gonzalez to create this sign-up sheet and calendar.

Charismatic Group – Fr. Roger welcomed the Charismatic ministry to meet in the Church Hall for prayer and worship, but food is not allowed. In addition, loud music with large amplifiers would not be allowed.

Parking Lot – New lines will be painted and more parking stops will be added.

Church Garden - Sarah Coleman asked if the garden area will stay undamaged. Peter Regan answered that we hope that the wall on that side of the Church will stay as it is, but if needed we might have to repair it. A question was asked about the two burial urns that may have to be moved. Joanne Boyko said that a Deacon from the Diocese in charge of cemeteries has expressed interest in helping us with this. Fr. Roger said that we would put them in a nice place in a Memorial Garden. They will stay within the jurisdiction of St. Peters.

South Parking lot renovation – Fr. Roger has signed a contract for the removal of tree stumps and the excavation of soil, roots and debris to a depth of 18 inches along the south edge of the church property. This area will then be refilled with 12 inches of clay-sand, packed, and then topped with 6 inches of crush and run stone. This will provide a stable area for construction vehicles to operate while the church renovations are underway. This area will again be used as a parking area once church renovations are complete. Our biggest problem is the Verizon phone line which is buried in the general vicinity of the property line. The contractor will need to be careful so as not to disturb this line. This should be done by Feb. 26th.

Hispanic Ministry Report – Rudy Gomez

Fundraising –

The fundraiser that they held on Jan 21st and 22nd raised \$11,610.00. They have a couple more fundraisers planned. The next may be on Pentecost weekend. The Hispanic choirs will have a concert and a speaker will be invited. Other parishes will be invited from Georgetown, MD and from across the Bay. It will be held on June 3rd and the location is still to be determined. The coordinator will be Severiano Ventura. They are also proposing to do a haircut day. Real barbers will come and cut hair and all proceeds will be for the renovation. Also hosting a carnival is another idea that has been proposed.

Family Registration - They are trying to get all the Hispanic families registered. They had a recent meeting with 16 ministries with about 25 people attending. Along with registration, they hoped to ask 100 families to donate \$1,300.00 to be collected by the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, next December 2017. One family wrote a check that day for the \$1300.00. They pointed out that this would be 25.00 per week. This could raise up to \$100,000 if successful.

Church Keys – Rudy found out who has the current keys to the Church and has informed anyone who is not a coordinator to turn the key over to a first coordinator. These people will be listed in the Parish office so we know everyone who has a key. If they don't have a key, Rudy or Consuelo or Fr. Roger will give them a key temporarily for a particular event if needed.

Changes to the Church Hall – Fr. Roger

Fr. Roger presented a drawing of how the worship area will look in the Church Hall. Father Roger said that we will use the tabernacle that is in the Rectory since the one in the Church is covered in marble and very heavy. The Library will be converted to the Sacristy and the sound system will be put in there also. The altar will be moved right after the closing ceremony on 2/26/17.

Carpet –

We are looking for a carpet for the Church Hall. Fr. Roger asked the group whether we should have wall-to-wall carpet or just the area for the Mass carpeted. Peter Regan mentioned that they had looked at and priced 12 ft. rolls. The smaller area rug would be much less expensive than wall-to-wall carpet. Sarah Coleman commented that it would be hard to clean up a nice wall to wall carpet after events and parties. Father agreed that we should go with the smaller carpeted area and that Peter should proceed with the 12 ft rolls.

Church Hall Door painting – David Perez has offered to paint the doors in the hall. Lou encouraged Ben Gutierrez to ask him to put stain blocker on first and repaint with basic white. Lou Hinds said that he has the Council's permission to do this.

Religious Education - Sarah Coleman

Sarah passed out a copy of the current Calendar. She asked about determining a date for first Communion. Fr. Roger said that he had considered the problem of using the smaller Church Hall for this. He had considered the suggestion that we use another Church for this First Communion, but he would like for the children to have their First Communion in their Church. He hoped that we could accommodate everyone in the Church Hall. Sarah Coleman asked if we could split up the group. Fr. Roger said that he was willing to have two schedules for First Communion. The first 1st Communion will be on April 29th for the younger children and the second on May 6th. Reconciliation for all of the first communicants could be on April 22nd with two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Sarah Coleman asked about the construction area and the safety of the students and their parents walking to the Religious Education building. Ben Gutierrez and Fr. Roger assured her that we will provide a safety fence in that area.

Building materials – Kathy Greene

Kathy Greene reminded the Pastoral Council that if Onancock Building Supply is going to supply material for the renovation and is notified ahead of time, they can buy it on a truckload at a cheaper price. She stated that OBS plans to give St. Peters the best possible price. Peter Regan said that he would let Selvin Rodriguez, our contractor, know about this.

Fr. Roger concluded the meeting with a prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on March 8th at 7 pm.