

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
July 20, 2016

Attendees:

Fr. Roger
Joanne Boyko
Lou Hinds (chairman)
Kathy Greene (co-chair)
Ben Gutierrez
Jennifer Langley
Jack Pierson
Christine Waldenmaier

Opening Prayer: All joined in the opening prayer lead by Jack Pierson.

Approval of the minutes – After reading over the minutes, the group approved the June 15th minutes as written. Jennifer Langley moved to approve the minutes and Lou Hinds seconded the motion.

Parking Lot lighting – Lou Hinds explained that after sending a letter and calling multiple times he could not get in touch with J.B. Laird. He is asking members of the council if they could find him and tell him to call. Lou has told him in the voicemails in his phone messages that we want to cancel the contract.

In addition to the lighting issue, the strong rain and wind on July 1st caused some leaks to develop in the roof over the kitchen and the Church Hall. Ben Gutierrez told Lou Hinds that he found damaged shingles and wood damage under the roof. Lou Hinds has contacted 4 roofers to see if they can do the job. Bids have been obtained from Ed Weber, Ernesto Mejia and Tony Melody. Kathy Greene recommended Brian Alfree. Lou Hinds requested that titanium be used as an underlayment and 50 year shingles be used with a vented ridge. The roofers also recommended that we replace the soffits and fascia. Lou suggested that we postpone the parking lot lighting and use that money to replace the roof.

Fr. Roger said that he wants to continue to put up the lights. He suggested that we do both the lighting and the roof right now. We had allocated \$100,000 for the parking lot renovations originally. We have only spent \$26,000 on the parking lot so far. If the roof comes to about \$30,000 we still have enough money to make this repair. We will have to inform Deacon Paul with BARC if it will cost over \$10,000.00. Before we present it to BARC we need to have our plans in place.

Communications Center - The Diocese has asked us to apply for a grant for the new electronics, tables and chairs and possible ceiling tiles for the church hall. Joanne Boyko said that she has called Verizon about the internet capacity and telecommunications potential here and they explained to her that they might have a new cable called TLS wire that can carry a lot of information on a very thin wire. It would be more expensive but would carry a lot more information more quickly than what we have now.

Auction of the two lots next to the Church – We bid on two of the lots and stopped at \$29,000. The entire lot sold for over \$50,000 to T&W Block. Fr. Roger asked Peter Regan to send the owners a letter offering 5,000.00 for 100 ft for our parking lot or for a long-term lease for the property.

Church Renovations – We have project money for \$420,000 at this point. We reached our Living our Mission amount of \$160,000 from the Diocese. We anticipate this project costing at least \$800,000. There will be a cry room or overflow area in the narthex area of the church. Fr. Roger showed the most recent blueprint for the Church renovations. This will be going out to the contractors for bidding.

Hispanic Ministries – Ben expressed the need for someone to be in the office on Sundays. Ben also requested a key for the office if that might provide an answer. Fr. Roger commented that Ben is the coordinator for the Hispanic Community and that we are happy at how he works so hard and is so visible in the Hispanic community that he should certainly have a key to the office. Fr. Roger is meeting with ministry heads from all the ministries one by one to pray and encourage some of the ministries to choose new leadership where needed. All ministry heads will serve for only 3 years.

Ben asked if we could have a fundraiser on August 21st. A speaker from New York will be volunteering his services for free and they could sell food for lunch. The speaker would speak from 3:00 – 6:00 on the importance of the family. Ben mentioned that they would prepare food before the event to be sold after the Mass that day so that people could stay until the speaker started. Unfortunately the Migrant Ministry was planning their fiesta in the camps that day. Fr. Roger said that we could ask Migrant Ministry and Fr. Mike if they could change the date of the fiesta to Aug 28th. Fr. Roger thanked the Hispanic Community for a donation of \$12,000.00 for church renovations.

Ben asked if there were any future fundraising projects proposed yet from other ministries in the Church. Lou responded that there are not any planned yet. Fr. Roger said that fundraising plans are going to be proposed in the near future.

Ben presented the idea that we have a big event for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Discussion ensued as to where we could have a big event with suggestions of a place such as Nandua High School. Ben mentioned that we would want to have Virtus trained volunteers to watch the children while the event goes on. Lou suggested that we have a special meeting to address these ideas.

Parish Picnic Rap-up - Jennifer Langley

Lou Hinds thanked Jennifer for hosting the Parish Picnic. It was a beautiful day and a very large turn-out. For next year we will get the dunking booth donated from Ace Hardware in Pocomoke. Jennifer reported that they raised \$150.00 from the games and the raffle.

Lou Hinds thanked Ben for the band. All agreed that it was a very successful celebration.

Fr. Roger reported that the Bishop from the Philippines was very pleased to be with us and extended his thanks to us.

Fr. Roger said the closing prayer. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be September 14th at 7 pm.