

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
July 26, 2017

Attendees:

Father Roger
Lou Hinds (Chairperson)
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)
Ben Gutierrez
Rudy Gomez
Jack Pierson
Jennifer Langley

Guest Speaker:

Peter Regan

Opening Prayer: All joined in the opening prayer lead by Lou Hinds.

Approval of the minutes – Lou Hinds went over the minutes that Christine Waldenmaier had prepared from the 6/13/17 meeting. There was a question concerning the term “underlayment” as it was used to describe the work and materials used in the crawl space of the new church. To clarify this point for the minutes; the crawl space area was leveled, all holes were filled, piles of dirt leveled, demolition debris removed and then 4 inches of sand was applied to the entire surface of the crawl space and finally plastic was applied over the sand. No other corrections or comments were made concerning the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting. Kathy Green made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Ben Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Fundraising – Peter Regan and Father Roger

Total Income, in the Renovation Account as of July 26th is \$569,000. Of that income \$375,000 has come from the Parishes’ Edward Jones (EJ) account.

Expenditures to date (July 26th) are \$528,000. Changes from the last report include a \$15,000 deposit for pews and \$50,000 payment to our contractor. We have not borrowed any money from our line of credit with PNC bank, however, that will change next month. This is because, we no longer have sufficient funds to cover the next monthly payment to our contractor. So, we will have to borrow against our line of credit with PNC bank.

Note the Church is required to keep a reserve account for emergency expenditures. We have placed \$55,000 in a money market investment account with PNC Bank. Hopefully we will not need to dip into this account. This is not money we can use to build our Church.

Additional contributions not recorded above:

Ladies Auxiliary: \$1,000
Ed Vargas receipts from First Communion pictures: \$500
Visiting Pilipino family donated: \$1,000

Son gave in memory of his deceased mother: \$1,050

An issue that we are struggling with is the relatively large percentage of registered parishioners (individuals or families) that have not committed to supporting the building of our new Church. There are probably numerous reasons why this is taking place. All we can do at this time is to pray, educate and encourage all parishioners to give what they can to build our Church. What Father Roger would like to have happen is for all registered families to contribute at least \$400/year or \$1.10/day. This is about equivalent to or less than the price of a cup of coffee.

Lou Hinds asked when we could expect the envelopes that visitors will use to make a donations, would be ready. Fr. Roger explained he is working on a draft concept of what the envelop will look like and hopefully they will be ready soon. Additionally, a monthly second collection envelop, dedicated to the construction of our Church, will be inserted into the “My Offering” box that each registered parishioner receives. This will be collected at the first Sunday of every month.

Other fund raising ideas were discussed. Drawings for money, auctioning gift baskets, art sales, etc. were considered. These ideas would probably work best if formed around an event that would attract a large number of people. One such event is the “Octoberfest” sponsored by the Knights.

Church Renovation - Peter Regan

Peter reported that the entire building is framed, and the roof trusses are in place. Additionally, exterior covering/sheathing has been placed on the sides and roof of the building. The contractor is going to request a sheathing inspection soon. When approved he will move quickly to place Tyvek on the exterior walls and shingle the roof. He will then move forward with installation of windows, and our electrician can begin his work.

Pews are ordered and the Lou Hinds is working with a team of individuals to develop a sound system.

The deadline date for the completion of the new Church has been negotiated for November 17, 2017. All are very hopeful that this date can be achieved.

Hispanic Ministry report – Rudy Gomez

Rudy explained that two events are being planned. The first can best be described as a “food carnival.” Lots of good food to buy but no big mechanical rides, only small children’s board games, bounce house and/or slip and slide. This event is scheduled for August 19th & 20th from 9:00 – 5:00, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served. The second event will be held on October 14, from 1:00 to 9:00 PM at Metompkin Elementary School. A guest speaker will be invited, two different bands will play, and food sales will take place.

Additionally, the Emmaus group will be holding a drawing for a used car. Proceeds from all events will be dedicated to the building of our new Church.

Other Items of Importance - Fr. Roger

- Fr. Roger had a very positive meeting with the Bishop. The Bishop was very surprised to hear that we are basically building a brand new Church. He asked many questions about the interior and exterior of the Church. He asked Father Roger to pass along his “Thank You” and salute to all the committees that have worked so hard to make this dream a reality.
- After our new Church is built and it is blessed/consecrated by the Bishop we will need to reduce the number of masses being said by Father on Sundays. Therefore, with due consideration and much discussion it was unanimously decided by all members that the following mass schedule will be established:

Starting the weekend of December 16 & 17th, 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM - Bilingual Mass

Sunday 9:00 AM – English Mass

Sunday 10:00 – 11:00 AM - Religious Education

Sunday 11:30 AM - Spanish Mass

- **Kathy Green** informed the group that some decisions need to be made concerning the front doors of the new Church. These are very specialized doors and therefore expensive. Peter, Father and the Contactor will need to inform Wayne Green if he is to purchase the doors as described in the blue prints.

Fr. Roger led the group in a closing prayer.

There will be no meeting during the month of August. Our next scheduled meeting will take place on September 13, at 7 pm.