

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
January 16, 2014:

Attendees:

Father Lito
Christine Waldenmaier (Chairman)
Benjamin Gutierrez
Jack Pierson
Kathy Greene
Jennifer Langley
Lou Hinds (taking minutes)

Art Matthews: Representing the Capital Expenditure Committee.

Opening prayer: All joined in opening prayer lead by Christine Waldenmaier.

New Pastoral Council Members: Following the opening prayer Father Lito introduced the new Pastoral Council members, they are: Kathy Green and Jennifer Langley who will both serve a three year term of office and Jack Pierson who will serve a one year term of office. Welcome and thank you to our newly installed Pastoral Council Members.

Discussion/Review of the October 10, 2013 minutes lead by Lou Hinds. Knowing that it would be at least 3 months until the full Pastoral Council would meet Lou Hinds sent out a draft of the October 10, 2013 Pastoral Council meeting minutes and asked the **then current** Pastoral Council members if there were any corrections or additions to the meeting minutes. Only two Pastoral Council members had minor corrections. With those corrections made, on November 26, 2013, Lou again sent out the minutes to the Pastoral Council Members and asked if there were any objections to posting the 10/10/2013 minutes as final. Receiving no objections those minutes were considered final and were forwarded to Joanne for posting on the parish website.

Agenda Items:

1) Update on Capital Expenditure Committee – Art Matthews

The Capital expenditure Committee is pleased to announce that the mold abatement project for the rectory, and the refurbishment and enlargement of entrance sign to the Church parking lot have both been completed. The only outstanding purchase is that of additional letters for the sign. This will be done soon.

The next big project will be the enlargement, graveling and installation of lighting in the church parking lot. The project is still in the planning phase and on hold due to the fact that the adjacent property (south of the church) may come up for sale in the near future. If purchased this land could be used as additional parking space for church functions.

The current owners are still cleaning-up the land and unfortunately the sale of the land may be delayed due to litigation issues. One concern about this land is the question of contaminants that “maybe” in the soil.

2) Hispanic Ministries - Ben Gutierrez

Ben reported that the Hispanic Community is attempting to establish three different teams of people (5-10 members in each team) that will volunteer to clean and enhance the church and the grounds. The plan is to have “one” team every two weeks assemble and have the responsibility for clean-up and beautification. This means that each team will have this responsibility every 6 weeks. Therefore, this should not be a large burden on a single team. A schedule will be established and all parishioners are invited to join a team and/or pitch in however they can. All are welcome to participate.

Additional item, Father Lito requested that any meetings taking place within church facilities please conclude not later than 10:00 PM.

Action item: Make sure that all parish ministries receive notification to conclude meetings not later than 10:00 PM.

3) Increase Involvement of our Youth – Group discussion

Christine asked how we might get the youth of our parish more involved in every aspect of Parish life. Father suggested that having an overall coordinator for youth outreach/activities will be necessary if we are to be successful. Father has an individual in mind and will ask him if he is willing to undertake this important work.

During this discussion Jennifer brought up the Family Interactive Group (FIG) that has activities and movie nights for families. The last FIG activity in November brought out many new families and interest seems to be growing.

Additionally, on February 12 the Ladies Auxiliary will host a card party/game activity day. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and lunch will be provided.

4) Pastoral Council Meeting Dates for 2014 – Group Discussion

After much discussion it was decided to have the Pastoral Council meeting on the first Thursday of every month starting at 7:00 PM. Therefore the scheduled meeting dates for 2014 are as follows:

- February 6, 2014
- March 6, 2014 *
- April 3, 2014
- May 1, 2014

June 5, 2014 *
July 10, 2014
August (no meeting)
September 4, 2014
October 2, 2014 *
November 6, 2014
December (to be determined)

Note *, these dates are set aside for a special meeting with “all” Ministry Heads and the Pastoral Council.

5) Other Items of Importance – Father Lito

Newly Elected Hispanic Community Coordinators

Father Lito announced that the newly elected Hispanic Community Officers will attend the Pastoral Council Meetings. The newly elected members are as follows:

Ben Gutierrez is the Hispanic Coordinator
Bazilisa Martinez is the Vice Coordinator
Ivan Deanda is the Secretary

Coordinator for Community Life.

Father has talked with Jeanne Serini and she agrees that a new Ministry Head for Community Life must be found. Father is requesting recommendations for this important Ministry Head by our February 6th meeting.

6) Election of new Pastoral Council Chairperson – Group Discussion

To begin the discussion, Christine (the current Chairman of the Pastoral Council) proposed that Lou Hinds, the current Secretary of the Pastoral Council, takeover the duties of the Chairperson and she would undertake the duties of Secretary. Before any discussion of Christine’s motion took place Lou thought it best to provide his feelings about the future of our parish and our obligation to engage and inform our parishioners about the growth of our Parish. Lou made it clear that he was not seeking the Office of Pastoral Council Chairman, but would accept it if the Pastoral Council agreed. After much discussion consensus was reached that Lou Hinds will be the 2014 Pastoral Council Chairman.

Closing Prayer: Father Lito

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014