

*Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting for St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church*

May 15, 2014

**Attendees:**

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

**Opening prayer:** All joined in the opening prayer led by Lou Hinds.

**Review of the April 3, 2014 minutes:** After the removal of one sentence which all agreed was confusing, a motion was made by to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting. The motion was made by Jack Pierson and seconded by Jennifer Langley.

**Action Item: The approved minutes of the April 3, 2024 Pastoral Council meeting will be sent to Pat Hirsch and Joanne Boyko for posting.**

**Parking Lot maintenance or expansion:**

At our last Pastoral Council (Council) meeting (4/3/14) Mike Dillenburg and Charlie Schmidt, representing the Capital Expenditure Committee, requested of the Council that we approve the expenditure of \$5-7,000.00 to procure the services of a qualified engineer to produce a “site plan” for future Church parking lot maintenance and expansion. This plan would be necessary to obtain approvals from VDOT, Accomack County, the Town of Onley and the Diocese of Richmond before any large scale parking lot maintenance or expansion could take place. With consensus of all Council members the Capital Expenditure Committee (CEC) was given approval to acquire the services of a qualified engineer to provide a Church parking lot site plan. However, subsequent estimates from a qualified and reputable engineering firm now indicate that the cost for a site plan will be approximately \$8,000. Therefore on May 8, 2014, Louis Hinds, Chairman, polled all Pastoral Council members to ascertain if they have any objection to increasing the expenditure of funds by \$1,000. With unanimous agreement the Council members did approve the expenditure of an additional \$1,000. Therefore, the CEC now has approval of the Council to expend up to \$8,000 to acquire the services of a qualified engineer to provide a site plan for Church parking lot.

Jack Pierson asked if there was a date yet for the site plan to be done and Lou Hinds replied that he wasn't sure if that had been established.

Fr. Lito commented that we had already approved the expenditure of the money through the Finance Council.

### **Hispanic Ministries:**

Ben Gutierrez said that they are trying to increase involvement of the youth with migrant ministries. They will be having a meeting this coming Sunday (May 18) after the 12:30 Mass. They will see if there is a good response and if so, they are going to plan a day for all the youth to visit a labor camp. They will be looking for leaders for this group at this Sunday's meeting. Fr. Lito commented that the leaders would have to undergo Virtus training.

**Action Plan: Pick leaders and organize a group of Hispanic youth that will go to visit a labor camp if enough people seem interested. Leaders of this group will complete Virtus training.**

### **Grounds maintenance**

Lou Hinds commented on the wonderful grounds cleanup that took place on Saturday April 26. Fr. Lito asked if we had a monthly schedule for grounds cleanup. Ben Gutierrez said that he would check on the availability of workers and try to come up with a schedule. Lou commented that he wanted to post a picture of the clean up event and that he had participated with the group of teenagers who are Confirmants and that the kids worked very hard that day and actually reversed the flow of water in the drainage ditch so that it flowed in the correct direction for proper drainage.

**Action Item: Ben will create a schedule of dates for grounds cleanup and maintenance and will show the schedule to Fr. Lito. Lou will print and post pictures from the first grounds cleanup.**

### **Draft Mission Statement:**

Lou Hinds pointed out that we now have a draft mission and vision statement. He handed everyone a copy. Lou said that he wanted to present this to the Ministry chairpersons at the June Meeting. He would then ask the chairpersons to come up with objectives for a 10 year period in accordance with the vision statement. Jack Pierson commented that it was a good statement and he thought it was well written. Jennifer Langley agreed.

**Action Plan: Present the mission and vision statements to each ministry chairperson and ask them to write objectives for their ministry that might be accomplished over the next 10 years to fulfill the vision statement.**

## **Parish Picnic**

The date for the Parish Picnic will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Unfortunately Lou Hinds will be out of town that Sunday. Lou Hinds asked who we should contact about the picnic. Kathy Greene said that Rita Schmidt appointed Betty Chemi to coordinate the picnic. Jennifer Langley read that the Parish Council was responsible for the set up and cleaning up of the Parish Picnic. Jennifer said that she would ask members of the Family Interaction Group (FIGS) to help with set up and clean up.

Lou mentioned that Shirley Hirsch needed volunteer work for her Confirmands and Jennifer offered to get in touch with Shirley Hirsch.

## **Donated Furniture**

Lou Hinds thanked Ben Gutierrez and Rudy Domingues for helping to clean out the home of Colleen Porterfield. Some of the furniture in the house had been donated to St. Peters. Some of it has been used to replace dining room furniture in the Rectory, but much of it has been stored by Shirley Hirsch and needs to be sold or given away. It consists of 25-30 boxes along with the old furniture from the rectory. There is one antique round oak table and that was all the auction house was interested in taking. Lou asked for ideas for a future sale or information about the yard sale for moving and selling this furniture. Kathy Greene asked if some of it could be donated to the Food Bank or Hospice. Jack Pierson asked if the Parish was having a yard sale this year and Kathy Greene responded that the Ladies Auxiliary was no longer sponsoring the yard sale. Fr. Lito commented that he would be discussing the Yard Sale later in the meeting.

## **Bamboo Field**

Lou Hinds asked for Parish Council approval to rent a mower to cut the bamboo back again. After the mowing he will purchase herbicide to treat the bamboo. Kathy Greene commented that Onancock Building Supply may have a push-behind mower to rent. Lou Hinds said that he would check into that as well as the herbicide.

**Action Item: Lou will mow the bamboo one more time and then spray it with herbicide.**

## **Fr. Lito's Agenda Items**

Fr. Lito asked if we had any suggestions and comments and encouraged us to feel free to share our comments, that we should consider ourselves family.

Christine Waldenmaier suggested that we need to find someone that can play music to help out with the music at the Masses. Lou Hinds commented that he does know someone, Tom Murray, who can play the piano and that he would ask him to help. Tom has said that he is willing to learn four songs for emergencies if our organist is unable to play. He can also play piano for entertainment if one is available in the Church Hall.

**Action Item: Lou will ask Tom this weekend about playing and they will evaluate the piano in the Church Hall as to its functionality.**

Jennifer Langley asked that the kitchen and hall be left clean. The FIGS function is usually held on the Friday nights and she had noticed spilled food under the table in the kitchen. Lou agreed that we need to find someone to check on the cleaning after functions. Jennifer also mentioned that mouse droppings were still a present in the Religious Education building.

**Action Items: Check with Joanne Boyko about what has been done about the mouse problem in the Religious education building. Encourage people to clean up after they use the kitchen and the Church Hall.**

## **Fundraising**

Fr. Lito announced that the Yard Sale would be a function of the Pastoral Council. Christine and Lou suggested that we continue to have it at the end of September. Kathy Greene commented that in the past they rented tables for \$10.00 per table. Last year they had 12-15 tables. She reported that some problems were encountered with table placement and the bake sale. They found that the bake sale wasn't productive. Due to her experience, Fr. Lito said that Kathy Greene would be the best person for chairing this event. After some discussion, they decided to postpone the final decision until next meeting. Ben Gutierrez pointed out that we need to check the timing of the Exmore yard sale for that date since we would not want it to coincide.

Fr. Lito said each ministry could have up to two fundraisers per year. Fr. Lito said that every fundraising event required an approval letter from the Diocese. Lou Hinds said that he would prefer that we had a yearly calendar for all fundraisers in the future.

**Action Item: Check on the timing of the Exmore Yard Sale to determine a date. Discuss at the next meeting of the Pastoral Council with all the ministries present. Obtain a fundraising approval letter from the Diocese.**

## **Migrant Ministries**

Fr. Lito asked for three more Anglo and three more Hispanic volunteers for the Migrant Ministry program. Kathleen Bredimus will still be the chairwoman. There will be three seminarians here this summer. The volunteers would have to complete Virtus training if they have not done so already.

## **Evangelization Group**

Fr. Lito asked Lou Hinds what the plan was for this. Lou commented that Deacon Dan was planning to be involved. Fr. Lito commented that Deacon Dan had responsibilities for two parishes. Fr. Lito wanted a person from Religious Education to be the chairman for evangelization. Lou said that he would work with Jennifer Langley to find someone to do this job since Richmond did ask that the person heading the evangelization group be unencumbered with many other ministerial duties.

**Action Item: Jennifer and Lou Hinds will select a parishioner to head up the evangelization group.**

## **Visiting Priests**

Fr. Lito announced that from July 20-25 there will be a guest priest to our parish – Fr. Jacob Strand for Youthworks Mission trips in Onancock. Also, we will have another guest priest on June 28<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Alfred A. Lopez. O.P. He will represent Food for the Poor.

## **Worship Ministry Chairman**

Fr. Lito has appointed Gene Siebert as Worship Ministry chairperson effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Fr. Lito said he would call a meeting of the ministry heads under the Worship ministry in the next few weeks.

## **Other Concerns**

Lou Hinds the Pastoral Council members asked if there were any other concerns. Kathy Greene mentioned someone told her that the Community Life group was no longer doing anything after a funeral. This was disputed by the council members and was identified to be a rumor.

June 5<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting date and will include all the Ministries.

Fr. Lito concluded the meeting with a Prayer.