

Minutes from Pastoral Council meeting – 9-4-14

Attendees – Council Members

Fr. Lito

Deacon Dan

Lou Hinds

Kathy Greene

Jennifer Langley

Christine Waldenmaier (taking minutes)

Attending Parishioners - Mike Dillenberg, Shirley Hirsch, Tom Famulari, Trish Harmon and Sr. Margaret Schmidt

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

New Digital Piano

Lou introduced Tom Murray to the Council members and pointed out a new \$2000.00 digital piano purchased for only \$600.00 for St Peters. This will be used as a backup for Carolyn Harney if she has to miss playing for Mass at times. In addition, Lou explained that Tom was willing to play the new digital piano for any church functions. Tom asked for 24 hours notice and said that he is happy to do this for no charge.

Online Adult Catholic Education Classes

Trish Harmon explained that she had been asked by parishioners how they could learn or refresh their knowledge about Basic Catholic teachings. Trish passed around information about on-line home study classes presented by Vincentians under the Association of the Miraculous Medal and backed by the KOC of Missouri. Many classes were listed which can be ordered online or in the mail. It can be studied online or in the mail and send it to them where they will answer any questions. Tom Famulari has volunteered to lead a group at St. Peters to do this study. Tom mentioned that many cradle Catholics don't really understand the Faith that they were born into. Online it is free, as a group it costs \$7.00 for the booklet. Tom sent away for the materials and is still waiting to receive them. Lou asked if the study would be as a group or independent. Trish said that it could be both. If people wanted to do it as a group from home that would be possible also. Tom also mentioned that it is available in Spanish from Ligourian publications. Fr. Lito commented that this would be good for evangelization.

The Council granted approval for this project to move forward.

The Shroud of Turin

Tom Famulari introduced the idea of a presentation on the Shroud of Turin which would be given by a friend of his, Bill Wingard on October 25th. Bill Wingard has worked with the lead photographer for a scientific study of the Shroud. Bill has already received approval from Bishop Lori in Baltimore where he has presented before. He has already sent a letter of recommendation and his resume to the Richmond diocese. If permission is granted from the Diocese, we would have a presentation on Saturday, October 25th in English and on Sunday, October 26th afternoon with a translator for the Hispanic parishioners. Bill would bring a replica of the Shroud and the presentation would last 1.5 hours and would be free.

Lou Hinds asked Tom Famulari and Trish Harmon to start drafting announcements for the bulletin and the community because it would be open to the community also.

The Council approved this presentation pending permission from the Diocese of Richmond.

Mike Dillenberg – Mike showed and explained the engineer's diagram for parking lot improvements in regards to storm water drainage. He showed the plans for a bio retention pond in the back of the church property. Mike requested that the council approve the plan so it can be taken to Accomack County for approval. Once the county approves the plan we can solicit bid proposals from contractors. Lighting can be contracted also. After we receive bids, we will take the proposals to the Diocese for approval. Lou asked if VDOT needed to be involved. Mike replied that the engineers did not think we would need VDOT approval.

Lou made the motion that if the County approval does not cost more than \$250.00 that Mike tell George Young to go ahead and present the plan to the County. Christine seconded the motion.

Parish Yard Sale - Kathy Greene

The Yard sale will be on October 11 from 8-12:00. Kathy reported that Ben Gutierrez has promised to find help for set up. The Council agreed that tables should cost 10.00/table. Sr. Margaret commented that we have 16 tables. Kathy asked about having the Church Hall for donations on Friday October 10th. Sr. Margaret offered to check the calendar and sign it off.

New Pastoral Council Members

Two new PC members need to be selected before December. Lou wanted to meet with Fr. Lito to review a procedure to elect new Council members. The same procedure will be followed as in the last election where parishioners were asked to nominate two people. The top five nominees will be interviewed by Fr. Lito and will attend a night of discernment. From these nominees two parishioners will be selected to a three year term of service on the Parish Council.

Hispanic Ministry - Fr. Lito said that he meets with the Hispanic leadership the first Sunday of every month.

Future meeting dates - November meeting will be November 12th. The Parish Council Christmas Party will be Friday December 5th. The January meeting will be on January 7th.

Evangelization Ministry –

The council discussed how to find members for this ministry. Suggestions were made for people who may be interested in volunteering for the five member team. Lou read through all four overall objectives for the Evangelization Ministry. Lou has received specific objectives from a few ministries, but many have not responded. Lou proposes that he will sit down with the other Ministry Chairpeople and help them to write up objectives.

Annual Diocesan Appeal - Our Parish Target for this year is \$8,280. Chairperson is Shirley Hirsch, Lou Hinds is co-chairman.

October parish council meeting - The next meeting will be on October 8th. It will be the quarterly meeting and all the ministries will be invited to attend. Christine will notify ministry chairpersons.

Deacon Dan closed with a prayer.