

Final Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
October 10, 2013:

Attendees:

Father Lito
Christine Waldenmaier
Charlie Schmidt
Benjamin Gutierrez
Lou Hinds (taking minutes)

Note: Shirley Hirsch is away visiting the Holy Lands.

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

Review of the September 12, 2013 minutes.

There were no corrections to the September 12, 2013 Pastoral Council meeting minutes. Charlie Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes as written this motion was seconded by Ben Gutierrez. All members in attendance approved this motion.

Action Item: The approved minutes of the September 12, 2013 Pastoral Council meeting will be distributed to all.

Agenda Items:

1) Capital Expenditure Committee (CEC) lead by Charlie Schmidt.

The following items were discussed:

- a. The mold remediation work being conducted in the parish rectory is proceeding very nicely. Dry-Tek Environmental has completed the work in the crawl space and has stopped work until Father Lito goes away on his vacation sometime in late October. At that time Dry-Tek will then resume work completing the mold remediation work on the closet and in the garage. A separate contract will be awarded to install a new electrical line and dehumidifier in the crawl space.
- b. The contract to expand/enlarge the Parish front street sign has been awarded to ADCO Company. At this time the sign is being assembled and will be installed shortly.
- c. As reported in the September Pastoral Council meeting minutes the CEC has received a quote of \$38,000 for improvements to the Church parking lot. Father Lito has requested that the CEC obtain two additional quotes for this project. A

scope of work has been prepared detailing the work to be performed and at this time CEC is in the process of obtaining those two additional quotes.

A question arose as to the need for lighting in the parking lot. After much discussion it was decided to ask the CEC to explore the different options for lighting the parking lot.

2) New Member Nomination for the Pastoral Council – Charlie lead this group discussion

Nomination proceedings for new Pastoral Council members was held at each of the masses on September 28 & 29, 2013. There were 90 nomination ballots cast by parishioners of which 79 different individuals received nominations. With the approval of Father Lito, letters will be sent to the six individuals receiving the most nominations. These letters will inquire as to the willingness of these individuals to serve on the Pastoral Council. If one or more decline, new letters will be sent to the next individual(s) on the list until a total of six nominees have said they are willing to serve. On Wednesday (November 13, 2013), the nominees will attend an evening of discernment at which time after dialog and prayer they will choose among themselves three (3) individuals to serve on the Pastoral Council.

3) Hispanic Ministries - Ben Gutierrez

- There will be changes to ministry leaders within the Hispanic ministries. These changes will take place after Father Lito returns from vacation.
- Currently, Joanna Gutierrez is attempting to organize the Hispanic altar servers to help with duties at the 8:00, 10:30 and 12:30 masses. This help and Joanna's efforts are very much appreciated.
- Charlie Schmidt suggested that the Hispanic community provide a Eucharistic Minister for the 5:30 mass. This would help to better integrate all of our masses.

4) Status of Bamboo Clean-up – Benjamin & Lou

The bamboo on the parish leach field has been cut down and turned into mulch, however, the root system remains. If not aggressively treated the bamboo shoots will begin to grow and will soon take over the leach field again. Lou suggested that we treat the spring growth with herbicide to see if we can halt the growth and/or possibly kill the roots.

5) Religious Education – Christine

The religious education classrooms are full. Teaching and learning is difficult due to the large class sizes and the noise level in the building. Something will need to be done if we expect to deliver quality religious education to our children. Charlie stated that we need to know the number of student today and also to project the growth of the student population into the future. Several suggestions were made as to how we might census the Parishioners to obtain these growth estimates. However, no immediate actions are planned.

A discussion concerning the need to find a qualified instructor to teach “English as a Second Language” was also undertaken. This is an important adult education class that our parish provides to the Hispanic community. Father Lito will reach out to certain parishioners that are known to have the knowledge, skills and abilities to teach this class and see if they are willing to help.

6) Other Items of Importance – Fr. Lito

- Father Lito will leave on vacation October 28 and return on December 5. Father has arranged for a priest to serve the different masses. The visiting priest will stay at the rectory.
- Ordination of new Deacon Dan Hoppe will take place on October 19, 2013. Lou and Paula Hinds will represent the Parish at this important event.
- Our Parish website manager has passed away. The Parish will need to contract with a new website developer to continue to update and manage the website.
- The family of Colleen Portafield has offered to the Parish the opportunity to purchase Colleen’s home for a reasonable price. We will need to look into Parish finances to see if this purchase is possible.
- Father Lito would like to see more activities for our youth. Something that will engage them and get them excited in our faith community. Father Lito will talk with youth coordinators.

Closing Prayer: Benjamin Gutierrez

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for January 2014.