

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
1/10/2018

Attendees:

Father Roger
Lou Hinds (Chairperson)
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)
Jo Ann Boyko
Rudy Gomez
Jennifer Langley
Christine Waldenmaier
Jan Andrejco (Parish Family Life Ministry Chair)
Alex (Youth Ministries)
Angelica (Youth Ministries)
Yoly Robles? (Youth Ministries)
Peter Regan (Church Renovation Committee and Finance Committee)

Opening Prayer: All joined in the opening prayer lead by Lou Hinds for the health of Jack Pierson.

Approval of the minutes – Lou Hinds went over the minutes from the November Pastoral Council meeting. Lou asked for any corrections or changes. Kathy Greene moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jennifer Langley seconded the motion. All were in favor with no objections.

Minutes of the Pastoral Council meetings are posted on the website. They are changed after every meeting.

Lou thanked everyone who helped to get us in the new Church by Christmas, with a special thanks to Peter Regan, Al Nardone and Wayne Greene for all their hard work.

Church Construction Further Needs – Peter Regan

Peter announced that the Church construction workers are finishing up and leaving tomorrow. He said that the Church doors had been installed but were not closing properly. The installers had already left so Accomac Go Glass was consulted and the doors should be fixed soon. The installers will be paid after the doors are fixed and working properly. All the construction is now completed.

Peter says that the only negative thing that he has heard is that the pews may be too close together. He said that normally pews are 36” apart, ours are 35” and the one inch should not make that much of a difference. Peter says that he suspects that our seats are a wider depth than most pews and that makes them seem closer together. Fr. Roger commented that with the kneelers up there is plenty of room so that if we leave the kneelers up except when kneeling, we

should have no problems.

We still need to put a Fence up on the outside of the south side of the property. We will still be planting new shrubs along the new walls. The signs out on the Highway need to be changed since the Mass times are currently not correct.

Lou Hinds asked the Pastoral Council members to make notes of any changes or improvements that they hear people suggest.

Lou Hinds said that someone commented to him that the Holy Water Fonts were too high for the elderly. Fr. Roger responded that the Holy water fonts are at a standard height and that we can't change them for every individual need. Kathy Greene commented that the old church had the holy water fonts at this same height and no one complained.

Lou Hinds said that he hears from many parishioners that we need to pave the parking lot. Fr. Roger responded that this is a high priority, but that we must pay off the Church debt first. Fr. Roger hopes that we pay off the debt in 2-3 years.

Lou Hinds mentioned that we still need to re-finish the gold on the tabernacle. He asked if we could get the tabernacle refinished before this coming June for the Church Consecration. Fr. Roger suggested that we ask the person who refinished the Chalice if he could do the tabernacle. Lou said that we would ask this person to give us a bid for this job.

Peter Regan said that we can move everything back in from the storage pod in the next couple of weeks.

Fundraising – Peter Regan

December proceeds - \$52,350 total from the Car Raffle (\$21,450) and Drawing (\$7,900)
Ofertoria de Amor – (\$14,000) and Capital Campaign – (\$9,000)

We have borrowed \$300,000 out of a \$450,000 total line of credit. We will be borrowing another \$50,000 which we might not need completely. We will send back whatever we don't use. We will owe 350,000 and we have a mortgage that amortizes in 15 years. To help pay this money back, we will be having a 2nd collection every month, which will usually occur on the 3rd weekend. Peter hopes that we will get \$1,000.00 every month from that. Peter hopes that we will be able to repay this loan in 5 years. By March he will be giving the parishioners another update. We will have quarterly updates after that.

Church Blessing Mass to Welcome Bishop Barry - Fr. Roger

Fr. Roger says that he treasures the fact that the new Bishop will be coming to bless our new Church. He says that not many parishioners get to greet the new Bishop personally.

Fr. Roger asks for the full support of all the Youth. The Youth will be holding the Logo of the

Diocese like a flag. The children will also hold balloons with the word “Welcome”. Fr. Roger suggested that the children to wear white shirts and dresses. Fr. Roger showed the Youth Ministers, Alex, Yoly and Angelica two options (A or B) of where the children would stand.

Fr. Roger asked Jan Andrejco to prepare finger foods in the Rectory for the Bishop before the Mass. Fr. Roger suggested that we leave parking spaces for the Bishop and the three visiting priests.

The Diocesan Worship Committee will be in charge of the Liturgy. Ministers from St. Andrews and St. Charles will help with the Readings. Lou Hinds will be in charge of the Altar Servers. He asked Lou to give him the names of the altar servers and to have two practices before the Mass. Fr. Roger said that we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers for the overflow in the Church Hall. Lou Hinds pointed out that we will need 8 people for communion, with 2 Eucharistic Ministers from St. Peters and the others from St. Andrews and St. Charles.

Red Veranga will be in charge of the Music and the Grand Choir.

Fr. Roger requested 3 children to bring up baskets of fruit, 3 youth to bring up baskets of canned goods and a family to bring up the Bread and Wine cruets and the ciborium.

We will need ushers. Fr. Rogers suggested that we ask the Hispanic Ministers for three ushers to add to the three regular ushers for Saturday Mass.

We will be cancelling the 5:00 pm Mass and so will St. Andrews in Chincoteague.

The Missalette has been prepared and just needs to be printed and folded.

JoAnne Boyko suggested that we ask Ed Vargas to be the photographer.

Yoly said that we need sound in the Church Hall for the overflow. Lou said that we could set up a speaker easily.

Extensive plans were discussed for a Luncheon at Metompkin Elementary after the Welcome Mass, but these plans were cancelled by the Bishop after this Parish Council meeting. The Bishop requested that we just have a light luncheon for the parishioners in the Church Hall after the service. This light luncheon of soups and sandwiches was arranged by Jan Andrejco and the Parish Community Life ministry.

Hispanic Ministries – Rudy Gomez

New Hymnals

They are planning on getting new books for the Spanish Mass. Rudy said that the Hispanics have agreed to pay for 100 hymnals already. Fr. Roger said that we need new English and Spanish hymnals. Fr. Roger said that we could make each hymnal “In Memory of” and get them

each paid for that way. Jan Andrejco asked how many English hymnals we would need? Fr. Roger said that he would want 100 English Hymnals, the New 3rd Edition.

Offertorio de Amor – They are trying to encourage people to reach the goal of \$1,300.00. they will try to start it again sometime in March. Lou suggested we wait until after Peter Regan gives his update on money needs. Rudy will still encourage the various ministries to do fundraising.

Other Items of Importance

Jan Andrejco asked Fr. Roger for a meeting date for event preparations. Fr. Roger said that he wanted to meet with her the week before the Blessing Mass.

Fr. Roger said that the Bishop wants to be referred to as Bishop Barry.

Fr. Roger said that he would be flying out for the Philippines for his vacation the same day as the Blessing Mass.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on March 21st.

Fr. Roger closed with a prayer.