

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Jan 16, 2015

Attendees:

Father Lito

Lou Hinds (Chairman)

Ivan Deanda

Kathy Greene

Ben Gutierrez

Jennifer Langley

Jack Pierson

Christine Waldenmaier (taking minutes)

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

Agenda Items:

Minutes - Review of the November 12, 2014 minutes was led by Christine. Kathy Greene made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Langley seconded the motion.

Pastoral Council Chairman – Jack Pierson

Jack Pierson voted to appoint Lou Hinds as the Chairman for the Pastoral Council. The members all voted to approve this appointment with 100% approval. Lou asked the council members if they would accept a co-chairperson position be created for future training and for a backup chairperson. All members of the council approved.

Parish Directory – Lou Hinds

Lou asked for more pictures from Parish Activities for the directory. The group agreed to find more pictures this coming week.

Snow storm clean up – Lou Hinds

Lou explained that on week days Mass would be cancelled when school is closed due to snow. Clean up would be as soon as possible after the storm finishes. He commented that it would be nice to have a team of people responsible for this that would meet at 9 am to help clean snow from walkways. In addition folks would be encouraged to listen to broadcasts of Mass cancellation on WESR 103.3 FM especially on weekends. Kathy Greene suggested that this announcement be put in the bulletin. Lou suggested that it also be put in the website in English and Spanish.

Action Item – Place an announcement in the Bulletin and on the Website for our storm cleanup and Mass cancellation plan. The announcement will be made in English and Spanish.

Parking Lot remediation

Lou Hinds pointed out that the parking lot has been very muddy due to recent rainy weather.

Lou suggested that we purchase a 10 ton truckload of stone for filling in the holes of the parking lot. This would cost \$250.00. Also the edge of the parking lot down by coastal highway which is so muddy now could be filled in with aged clam shell for \$600.00 per truckload (11 cubic yards). A discussion ensued about recycled asphalt, recycled concrete or aged clam shell. This would be a temporary fix to get us through the winter.

Jack proposed that we cap the expense at \$1500.00. Lou Hinds said that the Renovation Council has already approved these touch ups to the parking lot and asked Fr. Lito to check with the Finance Council for approval.

Action Item - Pending financial council approval, stone and clam shell will be purchased for the parking lot to fill in the low areas.

Pastoral Council Meeting Calendar

After discussion it was agreed that Wednesdays were the best night for the meeting. The 2nd Wednesday of the month will be the regular meeting for the rest of this year.

Hispanic Ministries

Ivan asked if a Crucifixion reenactment could be done at 6 pm on Good Friday. Fr. Lito responded that he would check on that and let them know. He commented that he liked the idea and hoped it fit in the schedule.

Ben commented that they were trying to plan earlier this year and get needed dates into the office earlier. He mentioned that they will be appointing three new leaders for grounds cleanup. Ben wanted to find a place to put the existing grounds equipment along with some new equipment.

Ivan Deanda pointed out that he had accepted the position as the head of Youth Ministry. He is planning to start meetings this month. Ben added that we really need to keep our young kids here after they receive the sacraments such a Confirmation.

Renovation Committee – Lou Hinds

The first meeting was this past weekend. Peter Regan (chairman), Ivan Deanda, Mike Dillenberg and Lou Hinds met with Fr. Lito. Peter Regan presented information for a letter to the Diocese saying that we are ready to get started in the planning process to renovate our church. They discussed how we can distribute the Masses to accommodate the parishioners while renovations were in process. They realized after discussion that we still won't have enough space even with encouraging parishioners to attend other Masses. Ivan Deanda explained that the idea of having two separate Spanish Masses was not supported by the Hispanic members of the Parish. They preferred being united as one group. Lou encouraged Ben and Ivan to encourage parishioners to attend the 10:30 Mass.

Subcommittees – We will need subcommittees representing the Hispanic parishioners, fundraising, alternate worship site, construction, communications, interior design, historians and more. Chairpersons will be selected for each committee.

The projects that the Capital Expenditure Committee had been working on will still be moved along; the parking lot, the Religious Education Building and the ladies rest room. The rest room renovation should be less than \$7,000.00 so it will not need authorization from the Diocese. Estimates for the Religious Education Building were very high (\$100,000) so more alternatives for that will be explored. Kathy Greene mentioned that we need to be very selective when picking a contractor. Lou commented that there was no scope of work actually presented to the contractors – they just gave estimates based on square footage. Discussion ensued and it was affirmed that we need a reputable builder and quality construction. Fr. Lito reminded the group that the construction and contractor had to be approved by the diocese.

Chalice re-plating – Jennifer Langley

All three chalices and the finger bowl and patens need re-plating. Lou asked the council for permission to find out how much it would cost. Lou moved we work with the Liturgy Committee to get prices for re-plating or purchasing new chalices. Kathy Greene seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Fr. Lito's announcements

Hispanic Community Shed – Migrant Ministries has received a \$2,500.00 grant for this shed. The cost is \$4,600.00. Fr. Lito obtained money from St. Nicholas in Virginia Beach home parish mission for saying Mass there and he wants to give half of that amount for the shed the other half for Justice and Peace.

March for Life – Jan 22

There are a good number of parishioners registered. Fr. Lito asked for prayers for the marchers.

Youth Ministry – The newly appointed youth ministry chairman is Ivan Deanda. The Pastoral Council thanked Ivan for taking on this mission.

Hispanic Pastoral Council Members

Elections will take place the first Sunday in February. The three elected members will represent the Hispanic community on the Pastoral Council.

Fr. Lito announced that in the past two years he had been focused on building community. His focus this year is Action. Lou Hinds suggested that "*Community of Action*" should be put on the back of the new Directory.

Fr. Lito closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 11 at 7 pm.

