

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Nov 12, 2014

Attendees:

Father Lito
Deacon Dan Hoppe
Lou Hinds (Chairman)
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 October 8, 2014 minutes was led by Christine. The minutes were approved with several small corrections. Jack Pierson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Kathy Greene seconded the motion.

Parish Yard Sale – Kathy Greene

Jack Pierson thanked Kathy Greene for all she did in assuring the success of the yard sale. Kathy said that Rose Pierson was a tremendous help and that the Yard Sale was a lot more successful than she had thought it would be. The success was in spite of bad weather and in part due to a lot of help from other parishioners. Fr. Lito suggested that we form a Fundraising committee in the future to conduct these sorts of events. Deacon Dan suggested we have a 6 member committee with every member having their own duties.

New Pastoral Council Members - Lou Hinds

Selections have not been made yet. Four parishioners have been asked to serve. The first person has said yes, the second person works night shift and would not be able to make a night meeting. The third person said no. The last person indicated a possible Yes. Hopefully two new members will be selected by the December Christmas party.

Fr. Lito asked Christine Waldenmaier if she would continue doing the minutes for the Pastoral Council and she agreed to be a non-voting meeting attendee who records the minutes.

Renovation Committee – Fr. Lito

During the Logical Steps Meeting it was decided that we would appoint a new committee for the Renovation of St. Peter the Apostle Church. Fr. Lito commented that he would like four members to serve on this committee. He suggested that Peter Regan from the Finance Committee, Charlie Schmidt from the Capital Expenditure Committee, Lou Hinds from the Pastoral Council and Ivan Deanda from the

Hispanic ministries be on the main committee. Lou commented that we would have subcommittees appointed by the main committee for carrying out the various facets of the renovation.

Hispanic Ministries – Ben Gutierrez

Ben did not survey the Hispanic leaders in regards to having two Masses for the Hispanic members because Fr. Lito only wanted to have one Hispanic Mass at 12:30. Ben commented that he had heard from some of the leaders previously that they only wanted one service. Discussion ensued of a larger Monitor or screen in the Church Hall and more cameras in the church and in the Hall to help enhance the service in the Church Hall.

Lou Hinds commented that he hopes that in no more than 5 years we will have a fully renovated church.

Ben Gutierrez said that with the knowledge of the renovation and explanation of what future plans will be, in addition to the larger screen and cameras, that he felt Hispanic parishioners would be more amenable to using the Church Hall for their large services. Christine suggested that we check with a Diocese audiovisual expert to install what we need. Deacon Dan said that he knows a person responsible for the Diocese Audiovisual needs. Fr. Lito asked Deacon Dan to call and find information as to how to best improve our audiovisual needs. Deacon Dan said he would take care of it.

Ben asked if he should explain to the Hispanic parishioners yet about the renovation. Kathy Greene commented that all the parishioners need to be notified of the proposed changes. Lou Hinds said that the only thing that we can tell parishioners right now is that we have made the decision to renovate the church. Jack Pierson added that we can say that we have an established committee. A suggestion was made to tell the parishioners that we have made the decision to renovate the church and that a committee has been formed.

Ben commented that he was asked what we were going to do while the Church was being renovated. Jack Pierson commented that we would do whatever we had to do to accommodate the changes. Discussion ensued about the capacity of the Church Hall. The council recognized that while at times the changes may be inconvenient, with a renovation timeframe (maximum of 5 years) and everyone working together we could weather the changes gracefully. Deacon Dan pointed out that many other parishes have gone through this same change so we could learn from them if needed.

Fr. Lito's announcements

The Pastoral Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday December 12th at 6:00 pm. Joanne will notify everyone with details.

Simbang Gabi – Fr. Lito shared a printout from the Extranet from the Diocese of Richmond. Simbang Gabi traces its roots to Mexico when in 1587 the Pope granted permission to hold Christmas Mass outdoors when the Mexican Church was too full to hold all the people. Traditionally in Philippines there are nine consecutive dawn masses and is also a Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a spiritual preparation for the Birth of Jesus. It has been adopted by local Filipino communities in the U.S. and now it is celebrated in the evening also. It is now observed in 12 States. In Hampton Rds. we will have

evening Masses in 9 different locations from Dec 15 – Dec 23, 2014. Here at St. Peters we will celebrate Simbang Gabi on Dec. 20th at 5 pm. It will be a trilingual Mass. Fr. Lito asked for the council's support. We will have an Eastern Shore chairperson, Bernardita Morton to help with in arranging a celebration after the Mass. Reita Schmidt and a Hispanic leader will also be asked to help. Fr. Lito invited a Filipino choir for music and Filipino food will be served after. Fr. Lito will have a meeting on Saturday with the chairperson and will let us know how we can help. Lou Hinds commented that we will have the Saturday Mass of the Novena so that we need to plan on a large crowd.

Deacon Dan – Ended the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2015 at 7 pm.