

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
5/09/18

Attendees:

Father Roger
Lou Hinds (Chairperson)
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)
Jo Ann Boyko
Rudy Gomez
Ben Gutierrez
Jennifer Langley
Jan Andrejco (Parish and Community Life Committee Chair)
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 and for safety in the schools for all our children as requested by the Altar servers.

Approval of the minutes – Lou Hinds went over the minutes from the April Pastoral Council meeting. Lou asked for any corrections or changes. After a few corrections were discussed and changes were made, Kathy Greene moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Jennifer Langley seconded the motion. All were in favor with no objections.

Church Renovation wrap up – Peter Regan

Peter mentioned that the thermostats have been set permanently and should not be adjusted anymore.

Peter mentioned that they have discovered that the big round stained-glass window had broken and missing pieces of glass. Peter has been seeking quotes for this repair. The rest of the windows will be finished on Friday, May 12th. They are planning to put an access panel in the ceiling for future access. Peter also showed the group a plan for two cameras and screens to be eventually installed in the Church Hall. Lou asked about the fire alarms and Peter said that they are still working on it.

Peter said that they are looking at a 5 ft. dog-eared fence and they are going to look for a contractor to put it in for us. He is hoping to buy and install it for \$3,000.00.

Peter added that raising money is the biggest problem with the renovation. We have money in the bank to pay about 6 monthly payments, but we need to raise money for payments thereafter.

Peter is hoping to speak with someone from the Elks Lodge about running a Bingo for a fundraiser here.

Ben Gutierrez mentioned that he has found chewing gum in two places in the church recently. Father Roger asked everyone to approach people with loving kindness and ask them to care for

our Church. He suggested that we ask them to throw out the gum in the receptacle outside the church. Fr. Roger said that he would mention this once per month as a reminder.

Peter Regan informed the group that a crew will be coming to repair anything that is loose in the Church, like loose kneelers or hymnal holders that have popped off. This work is under warranty right now.

Parish Work Day – Lou Hinds.

The Parish Work day is proposed for May 12th.

Projects proposed by Lou Hinds and Rudy Gomez are for painting the parking lot, for putting a post and rail fence up to protect the septic tank, for cleaning out the storage pod, plant grass on the bare spot, and cleaning up the old front entrance doors. Jo Ann Boyko mentioned that bushes shouldn't be pruned this late in the season.

Fr. Roger mentioned that the Entrance and Exit signs were damaged by the Lucas Brothers who buried the cable for the Internet Service. Lou Hinds mentioned that the highway signs needed to be corrected with the proper Mass Times. After some discussion it was decided that Ben Gutierrez would see about fixing this.

Consecration and Dedication of the Church - Fr. Roger

Fr. Roger presented an outline of tentative preparations for the Consecration on 6/24.

The welcoming committee will be assigned to Youth Ministries. They will be outside the Church and working with the Ushers inside the Church.

Lou Hinds and Rudy Gomez will plan the Parking.

The His Excellency sign and Clergy signs will need to be put up. The Clergy sign will go in front of the Rectory. All the Clergy in the Diocese will have to be invited. Fr. Roger felt like most of the Clergy will not be able to attend since this is a Sunday event. If there are 10 priests, they will be set up for dinner in the Rectory. If more than that they will eat in the Church Hall. Final planning will take place after 6/10 when they have a verified number of attendees.

Fr. Roger read to the Parish Council Members the Invitation that will be sent to all the Priests. This will be done as soon as possible.

There will be drinks and coffee prepared from 3:00 – 3:45 for the clergy by the Parish and Community Life Ministry.

Fr. Roger asked if we could have a banner saying 'Welcome to the Bishop' with the current date.

Fr. Roger said that all Church Ministries and parishioners will be encouraged to bring some food for the Celebration of Thanks after the Consecration Mass.

Liturgy for the Consecration Mass

Altar Servers – we will need 8 altar servers for all the jobs of the consecration.

Eucharistic Ministers – If we have visiting priests they have priority for this, but we will need some in EMs in reserve.

Choir – The St. Peter Grand Choir will sing. The songs will be the same as those performed during the Blessing.

Ushers – Three Hispanic and three Anglo ushers will be needed.

Decorations – All candles, flowers and altar clothes will be put in the Sacristy. During the anointing the altar will be bare.

The Diocese will be sending a guide for the dedication and we will follow that.

Fr. Roger said that we will be having a 5 pm Mass on Saturday, but no morning Masses on Sunday.

Peter Regan asked about 4 Crosses that Fr. Roger had wanted. Fr. Roger explained that there will be 4 small crosses at the corners in the Church that the Bishop will Bless. Fr. Roger described wooden crosses that had inlaid white tiles which he has seen in the Philippines. After some discussion the members agreed that we could find the mahogany that trimmed the altar to use for the crosses and that we might be able to ask “The Tile Guys” in Exmore to inlay the tiles.

Fr. Roger drew a picture showing the positions of the Crosses for the Council members.

Parish Picnic – Jan Andrejco asked about the food preparation. Fr. Roger suggested that all the ministries and families be asked to bring food. He wants this to be a big celebration of St. Peter’s family. He asked that Jan Andrejco and Jennifer Langley work together to prepare this celebration. Jennifer Langley asked if we were still going to have games. Fr. Roger said that Yes, we would have a celebration starting around 5:30-6:00 pm.

Kathy Greene mentioned the presence of mosquitos and ticks at that late hour. Lou Hinds said that if they mow the grass we should be bite free. Fr. Roger suggested that we have a general clean-up on Saturday June 23.

The first planning meeting will be June 6th.

Hispanic Ministries – Rudy Gomez

Pentecost Celebration at Metompkin Elementary – On May 20th there will be a Mass at 12:00 pm. The Hispanic Mass will be held there and there will be a regular collection. There will be no entrance fee, but food will be sold. The Emmaus ladies will sell the food for the building fund.

Carnival fundraiser– Rudy is talking to a Carnival group that will be coming through here from Chincoteague. Rudy is waiting to hear a date before he brings it up with Fr. Roger. It will be a Latin fest held at the Food Lion Plaza open to all. We would get the food sale proceeds. They work with three Catholic Churches across the Bay, so they work with the Diocese. They will set up a committee if the date works out.

Yard Sale – This would be done in July or August. The money will be raised with Food Sales.

Raffle – They are planning to have a \$1,500.00 raffle. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and will start in July with a drawing in September.

Mother’s Day Celebration - Rudy stated that they will be having food and music following Mass on Sunday and that everyone is invited.

Other Items of Importance – Fr. Roger

Hallway Renovation - Carpet replacement and wall painting - Fr Roger thanked Kathy Greene for the donation of the carpet and the new Hymnals. Fr. Roger asked if the carpet can be replaced and walls in the hallway painted before the Consecration on 6/24? Rudy Gomez said that the paint can be picked up soon and it was decided that he paint it the same color as the Church Hall. There was discussion about the removal of the mailboxes and bulletin boards and how the painting could be done in two nights, about 3 hours per night. Rudy said that he would take care of getting workers to do the painting and immediately after Ben’s Carpets will come and lay the carpet.

Fr. Roger said that he has been trying to get the hymnals and is hoping that they would come in before the Consecration Mass. They have been delayed due to some corrections needed.

Tabernacle Renovation – Jennifer Langley suggested that Lou Hinds approach Turner Sculpture for this job. He will see what they can do.

Learning Center - A piano is being donated and will be put in the Church Hall.

Active Shooter Presentation – Lou Hinds mentioned that the Altar Servers have been concerned about safety in their schools. Jo Ann Boyko mentioned that it doesn’t have to be about Active Shooters, that the Sheriff’s Department can give general safety tips. Lou Hinds asked if the Council members approved? Jo Ann Boyko asked if it would be for just adults, or both kids and adults? Lou Hinds said that he would ask about that.

Rechargeable AAA batteries – Jan Andrejco offered to pick up AAA batteries at Sam’s Club in bulk quantities for a lot less cost per battery. The microphones use a lot of battery power. Fr. Roger said that the rechargeable batteries may not be safe, that they might burn. Jan decided to buy non-rechargeable AAA batteries instead.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on June 13 at 7 pm.

Fr. Roger closed with a prayer.

Minutes verified by _____ Lou Hinds (Chairman, Parish Council)