

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 10, 2015

**Attendees:**

Father Lito  
Lou Hinds (Chairman)  
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)  
Ben Gutierrez  
Jennifer Langley  
Jack Pierson  
John Tyson  
Christine Waldenmaier (taking minutes)

Peter Regan reporting for the Parish Renovation Committee and Reita Schmidt reporting on the Papal visit.

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

**Approval of the minutes** - Jennifer Langley moved to accept the minutes. Kathy Greene seconded it. All voted in favor of approving the May 13 minutes.

**Papal Visit – Reita Schmidt**

The bus will leave at 4 am in the morning on September 27th and will get there in time for a 10:00 Mass in Philadelphia. It's open to the general public and there are no reserved seats. We need 40 people to sign up or the bus can't go. The price will be \$50.00 per person. The trip will be there and back in the same day. We have put down a holding payment of \$600.00 for the bus. We will lose \$200.00 if we cancel after 30 days prior. Rose showed everyone the sign-up sheets for Registration. All money will be collected at the time of registration. Registration will be after Masses this coming weekend and at the Parish Picnic if we still need people. St. Andrews has said that they are interested also.

Lou pointed out that this is a Church Sponsored trip. People can also go themselves if they want.

Fr. Lito mentioned that Charles and Reita Schmidt will represent St. Peters at the *World Meeting of Families 2015* the week before the Pope comes.

Rose Pierson also mentioned that they have been making tote bags for the Eastern Shore Coalition against Domestic Violence.

**Parking Lot Renovation - Lou Hinds**

Lou mentioned that the announcement for the renovation of the Parking Lot has been placed in the paper for contractors. Two contractors have come and looked at the job site. Two others have shown interest. Bids must be submitted by June 23.

### **Parish Renovation Committee - Peter Regan**

The drawings for the renovation have been sent to the Diocesan buildings and renovation committee (BARC) and they have had a meeting with us. The Diocese has given us permission to go ahead with our plans. Unfortunately at this time they have also asked us to raise \$195,000 over 5 years of which they get \$130,000 and we get \$65,000. Peter is now writing a letter to the Diocese stating that we are currently trying to raise money to renovate and this added Diocesan Appeal is difficult for us to handle at this time.

Peter passed around pictures of the new plans for the renovations for the Church. The additions will increase the seating from 150 to 250 seats. We currently have \$250,000 dollars to put towards this. We will need \$600,000 to complete the project so we need to raise another \$350,000.

### **Parish Picnic – John Tyson**

The picnic will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. They usually buy the meats and get reimbursed by the church. John asked Benjamin for assistance with table set-up after the 12:30 Mass.

Benjamin Gutierrez said that the Hispanic community will try to bring different kinds of foods. They want to rent a bouncing house for the kids. It should cost about \$180.00. The Council approved the rental. Ben went on to say that they are planning to arrange for music and dancing. Ben will ask for volunteers to help with clean up. Reita Schmidt pointed out that we need to ask for drinks, food and desserts at least 2 weeks before the picnic.

### **Parish Clean up – Ben Gutierrez**

This will take place on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 am. Food and drinks will be supplied as a snack.

Ben asked how many yards of mulch? Last time we had two truckloads. The Council approved the same amount again.

The bamboo drain field has been mowed and will be maintained through the summer.

### **Fr. Lito's Agenda Items –**

The Diocese will be moving Fr. Lito to the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia Beach. Fr. Lito will be going to the Phillippines in August and moving by September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Assignment Committee of the Diocese will meet tomorrow to determine the next priest for St. Peters.

Reita Schmidt commented that Fr Lito's Birthday is July 24<sup>th</sup> and we will celebrate after the 5 pm Mass on Friday Afternoon. We will also have a reception the Sunday before he leaves.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.