

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting  
July 8, 2015

**Attendees:**

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

Mike Dillenberg reporting for the Capital Expenditure Committee and Peter Regan reporting for the Renovation Committee.

**Opening Prayer:** All joined in the opening prayer lead by Kathy Greene.

**Approval of the minutes** - Jack Pierson moved to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Jennifer Langley seconded it. All voted in favor of approving the June 10 minutes.

**Music Liturgy** – Kathy Greene

Carolyn Harney, head of the music Ministry, has requested that the Parish Council address our continuing need for more musicians. Currently, Carolyn is our only organ player for all the Masses with the exception of Richard Chagnon from St. Andrews parish who fills in for two of the 8 am Masses every month. This has become an emergency need since we have no back-up musician if Carolyn should have to miss a weekend for any reason. After some discussion the Council decided to announce an opening for a paid musician for the 8 am Mass in the bulletin.

**Action Item** – Post the position announcement for a musician in upcoming bulletins until someone suitable is found.

**Parking Lot – Mike Dillenberg** – Two bids were received – from Branscome and Beauchamp. Both bids were too high - one for over \$500,000 and the other over \$400,000. In light of this some changes to the plans were made. The Asphalt was changed to a CR-6 (crush and run) surface and other changes were made by eliminating some of the clearing of trees and the substituting steel poles in place of aluminum lighting poles. Beauchamp has helped in evaluating the cost after these changes to bring the price down to \$326,000. The parking lot would increase to 112 all-weather parking places from the 63 we currently have now.

The Contractor will bill every two weeks for work performed. The Contractor cannot start before Sept 1. The project is anticipated to take 2 months. The issue would be do we have the cash flow? We need to notify the diocesan BARC, the contractors and the parishioners of our plans.

Deacon Dan pointed out that in 1999 St. Andrews spend \$170,000 for their parking lot and it was a smaller expansion.

The Council discussed the options including doing some of the project by ourselves. Fr. Lito suggested that we try to stay within our budget. He asked if we could reduce it any further. Mike Dillenberg said we could eliminate the lighting and save \$26,000. Mike commented that we have an Active permit from the State Dept. of Environmental Quality for the next few years for the retention pond. Mike also suggested another option where we just improved the back parking lot and put in the bio retention pond for somewhere around \$200,000.

John Tyson asked how we are fixed financially for this. Peter Regan explained that the Church has \$340,000 in the Bank. \$250,000 has been earmarked for Church Renovations. We have to decide what we feel are priorities for our assets. The guidelines of the Diocese is that we can probably raise two times our annual collection which is estimated currently at \$200,000. Assuming that, the diocese would agree that we can possibly raise \$400,000. We can also sell the Rt. 13 property.

After some discussion, John Tyson made a motion that we go with option #2 (see attached Parking Lot Expansion Report). Ben Gutierrez seconded the motion. The Council approved Option #2 of the parking lot renovations.

**Renovations Committee - Peter Regan** – Peter will consult with Mike McGee, head of finance for the Diocese, about the “living our mission” campaign to see what we have to raise for that. Peter will also meet with the Office of Development.

We have received a letter from the Bishop giving his blessing for the Church renovation project and that we should work with the diocesan building and renovations committee (BARC). He also approved our selling the land on Rte. 13 after we get an appraisal. The 2015 assessment for the Rte. 13 property is assessed at \$181,000 zoned agricultural. It consists of 20 Acres. It has 8 lots along Rte. 13. Peter Regan mentioned that a buyer is looking at the property this weekend. The Diocese will put it on the market for us.

Peter commented that we need to get drawings from Bootsma before we can estimate a cost for the feasibility of our Church Expansion. Peter mentioned that if expansion gets too cost prohibitive we can still beautify the Church.

The Bishop also mentioned that we should work with the director of finance in regards to the “Living our Mission” campaign.

**Parish Picnic** – John Tyson

John thanked Ben Gutierrez and Ivan Deanda for all the help from the Hispanic members of our parish in the set up and break down of the Parish Picnic and for providing the band and inflatable and food and drinks.

**Fr. Lito** - Fr. Lito confirmed that he will be transferred to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia Beach. He will be going on vacation in August and will transfer to Holy Spirit in September. Lou Hinds had sent a letter to the Bishop in regards to Fr. Lito's departure from St. Peters. The Bishop's response letter is attached.

Deacon Dan's last weekend will be July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have a social after the 5 pm Mass on July 18 and the 8 am Mass on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Next years Parish Picnic date** - June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Deacon Dan led us in a closing prayer.

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 7 pm.