

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting  
9-13-17

**Attendees:**

Father Roger  
Lou Hinds (Chairperson)  
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)  
Jo Ann Boyko  
Rudy Gomez  
Jennifer Langley  
Jack Pierson  
Peter Regan  
Christine Waldenmaier

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

Peter Regan led the members in a tour of the Church. He thanked Lou Hinds for installing the framework for the speakers. He showed where the pews would stand and where the baptismal font, center aisle and other features would be.

**Approval of the minutes** – Lou Hinds went over the minutes that he had prepared from the 7/26/17 meeting since there was no meeting in August. Lou asked for any corrections or changes. Peter Regan said he would need to correct some of the financial parts of the minutes. He will send corrections to Lou and Lou will send them out to all members and to Joanne Boyko for posting. Kathy Greene made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Jennifer Langley seconded the motion. All were in favor with no objections.

**Mass Time Changes**

Lou asked Fr. Roger when we can expect to be changing the Mass Times after we move back into the Church? Fr. Roger said that we would start this on the weekend of Dec. 16, 17<sup>th</sup> if all goes as planned. Fr. Roger planned to start announcing the Mass time changes on the weekend of Sept 30, Oct 1 and Peter Regan will update the parishioners regarding our Financial Status on the weekend of Oct 7, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lou Hinds said that we may have more people at the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays after the new Mass schedule starts. Peter Regan said that we will be painting lines on the parking lot for more parking spaces and that we will be getting additional spaces next to the Church after the construction equipment is cleared out.

Lou Hinds asked if we could let people see the inside of the Church by Oct 7, 8<sup>th</sup>? Peter Regan answered that if the concrete was poured by then we might be able to do that. Fr. Roger agreed that we might be able to give a tour.

## **Fundraising – Peter Regan**

Peter reported that the Living our Mission Campaign has brought in \$4300.00 for a quarterly share. This is 2,000.00 less than expected due to pledges not met. We can remind people to meet their pledges.

The Hispanic Fundraising has brought in \$7,200.00 last month alone. The Ofertorio de Amor Pledges in August were \$11,453.00 bringing that total to \$41,000.00. The Capital Campaign brought in 5,800.00 in August, total \$56,429.00.

The Total funds raised in August were \$28,676.00

## **Drawing for \$10,000.00**

Peter Regan suggested that we pick the winner for this drawing during Simbang Gabi. We will sell 300 tickets for 100.00 per ticket. The winner receives \$10,000.00 and the parish keeps \$20,000.00 if we sell all 300 tickets. JoAnne Boyko suggested that we might want to have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Lou Hinds suggested that we might want to give out a prize to the priest that sells the most tickets. The tickets will be sold at other parishes in addition to St. Peters.

## **Church Organ**

The current church organ and our electronic keyboard are having mechanical problems. Private donors have offered to buy a new keyboard. The Finance Council requests 3 bids and they are requesting that we have 100% of the money before we purchase. The old organ does still function. A keyboard would cost 25% of what an organ would cost (\$26,000.00) Keyboards also have pre-programmed music which can be played without a musician. Peter Regan has learned that they have one at the Cathedral in Richmond.

Fr. Roger commented that he doesn't want to be fundraising for two different things at the same time. After some discussion the council decided that we need to look into the keyboards and that we need more input from our Church musicians. Lou Hinds asked for a volunteer to form a committee with the Church musicians that would meet to discuss what we need. Jennifer Langley volunteered to head up this committee. Lou Hinds suggested that they check with the Diocese about what they suggest before they convene the meeting.

## **Parish Phone System - JoAnne Boyko**

They have contacted two different companies. Verizon referred them to a company that was the same that the Diocese was using for the Learning Center. Another company was contacted that deals with phone systems in Banks. We need 4 phones in the office and 2 in the rectory. The decided to go with the same company that the Diocese used. Right now we average 340.00/month for the Church and Rectory phones. The new phones will cost only 103.00/month.

This will eliminate our fax machine however. St. Charles has used this same system for 3 years now. All phones run through the Internet.

**Parish Internet and Email** - For Internet we will be using Eastern Shore Communications and we will be hard wired. The Diocese pays the 400.00/month Internet cost for the Learning Center.

We will need a new email address since the current email is with Verizon. This change will need to be announced. Peter Regan suggested that we keep two email addresses for a while to eliminate any confusion. JoAnne says that it takes 1 month to make this change. Lou Hinds said that Joanne has the Parish Council's permission to pursue this change.

### **Hispanic Ministry – Rudy Gomez**

#### **Car Raffle – Hispanic Emmaus Ministry**

Tickets for \$20.00 each will be sold at all Masses. The car is a used Toyota Hybrid in very good condition. The Emmaus Men's Ministry have been selling tickets for one month now and they aren't sure how much money has been received yet.

#### **Youth Retreat at Mary N. Smith School -**

The Youth Retreat will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> for its 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary. All Hispanic ministries are helping with food and drink. They will charge a \$15.00 entry fee (\$5.00 under 12 yrs old) and it will start at 8:30 am and last until 6:00 pm. They will have a guest speaker, Praise and Worship and a choir from Richmond. Proceeds will go to the Church Renovation.

#### **Choirs and Lectors Event at Metompkin Elementary School -**

They are planning a Choirs and Lectors event on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is still in the planning stages. All funds raised will be given to the Church Renovation.

Lou Hinds asked Rudy if he knew of a bus that we could rent for a Youth trip? Rudy said that he would check into this.

Christine asked if the Youth Group was going to be hosting the parties for Religious Education? Fr. Roger answered that Alex and Yuli will do the parties and that Rudy Gomez would oversee them.

#### **Other Items of Importance - Fr. Roger**

Fr. Roger is still waiting for a religious Visa which needs to be renewed every 3 years. The renewal of this Visa will require Fr. Roger to travel back to the Philippines where he must return personally to the Embassy in the Philippines. He is waiting for some documents that have been submitted to Homeland Security to be approved. These were submitted by the Diocesan lawyer

and Homeland Security has had the paperwork since June. If he doesn't receive approval he will be here illegally after 9/27/17. He can't renew his driver's license either until he gets approval.

Once Fr. Roger returns to the Embassy in the Philippines he needs to wait 3 weeks until he gets his Passport approved before he can return to the United States.

### **Church Consecration –**

Our schedule for the church consecration/blessing is on hold for now. Msgr. Lane or a bishop can do the consecration. Father Roger asked everyone for prayers for the Church construction.

Fr. Roger closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting will be October 25, 2017.