

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Greene, Chairperson

Elaine Brehm

Joanne Boyko

Henry Glowiak

Rudy Gomez

Jacqueline Hernandez

Ben Gutierrez

Father Roger Abadano

Also attending; Lou Hinds , presenting information on the Parking Lot and Safety and Security.

Kathy Greene opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES; Joanne Boyko moved to accept the minutes, as corrected, of the October 8, 2019 meeting. Rudy Gomez seconded the motion.

Hispanic Ministries Report: Rudy Gomez reported the Hispanic Ministries had a celebration for Father Roger's birthday. The Hispanic Ministries will have a meeting on Friday, November 8, when they will make decision about when to schedule the Yard Sale.

CPR and AED classes:....Kathy Greene has obtained a commitment from a person from the Bloxom Fire Department who would be willing to conduct the training sessions. There would be a charge of \$60.00 per person and there are approximately 9-10 Anglo ushers and 15 Hispanic ushers. Jacqueline Hernandez has been unable to contact the two people she thought might be able to give the courses. The defibrillator will be installed in a box in the Narthex.

Parking Lot, Safety and Security: Lou Hinds reported John Lubniewski (tel: 732 794 3543), a parishioner who moved here from New Jersey, is a wood worker who will volunteer to do any carpentry the church requires. Lou, John, and Father Roger installed a window in the confessional as required by the Diocese. John is also working on improvements to the lectern. Lou wants to wait on doing any permanent fencing in the Parking Lot until he and Henry Glowiak speak with Genevieve Walker to get a decision on obtaining some additional land for parking. Lou asked for permission from the Pastoral Council to permanently mark off a fire lane in front of the church. Discussion ensued how best to do it. Father Roger suggested it be a temporary post and rail fence. Joanne Boyko suggested a barrier be set up with the same system as is used next to the Sage Diner with movable wooden horse style units and the members agreed it was the best solution. Rudy Gomez said he would repaint the parking space lines on the parking lot as it had been done before..

Blessing of the Garden of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Donors' Recognition: Father Roger related the imprinted bricks have been delivered. He then presented written plans for the procedures and protocols for the celebration of the blessing. (See Attachment). A slideshow depicting all the stages of building the Garden will be presented 30 minutes before the mass. Food should be prepared for an estimated 500 people. The celebration and blessing will be held rain or shine. Ed Vargas has offered to take pictures of the day's events.

Simbang Gabi: Father Roger reported this celebration will be held on Sunday, December 22. The mass schedule for the weekend will be: Saturday, December 21, a bilingual mass at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday December 22 there will be masses at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. Seven altar servers will be needed for the Sunday 5:00 p.m mass.

Covered Dish Christmas Party: Leaders of all Ministries, and their guest, will receive an e-mail invitation to the party which will be held on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Joanne Boyko will coordinate the party. Rudy Gomez suggested badges be given at the door so everyone could be easier identified with their ministries.

Other Items of Importance: Ben Gutierrez suggested the Pastoral Council hold a meeting in December since the December schedule of church activities is so busy.

Father Roger: The Christmas mass schedule will be as follows: Christmas Eve..a children's mass at 5:00p.m. On Christmas Day masses at 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. On New Years Day masses will also be at 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Elaine Brehm: reminded group of the decision that had been made to put an article in the local newspaper announcing the Presidential Award St. Peter's Church had received in recognition of the outstanding work they had done with the migrants.

Joanne Boyko: led a discussion about what the policy should be for service dogs attending mass. Only one person has brought her dog to mass until now. Father Roger will talk personally with the owner to achieve the best solution for the owner, her dog, and the congregation. Another discussion ensued about attendees bringing firearms into the church. Father Roger said no firearms are allowed in church. Lou Hinds suggested stickers depicting "no firearms allowed" be posted on the outside doors of the church.

Rudy Gomez: suggested a new and improved camera be bought for the church. He will investigate several options and present his findings to the Pastoral Council for consideration. He also proposed the establishment of a Maintenance Committee composed of members of the Anglo and Hispanic church community. The idea of purchasing and installing security cameras in critical areas around the church was discussed. The council decided more information should be obtained before any further decisions are made.

Kathy Greene: brought up the problem with the faucets in the Ladies Bathroom which are not functioning properly. Plumber Jason Lauer will be asked to correct the problem..

Father Roger ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes verified by
Chairperson



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