

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting  
May 11, 2016

**Attendees:**

Father Roger  
Lou Hinds (Chairman)  
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)  
Joanne Boyko  
Ben Gutierrez  
Jennifer Langley  
Jack Pierson  
Peter Regan  
Joanne Boyko  
Christine Waldenmaier (taking minutes)

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

**Approval of the minutes** – After two small corrections were discussed, Kathy Greene moved to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting. Jack Pierson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.

**Parking Lot Renovation** – Lou Hinds asked everyone to thank Charlie Schmidt for all that he has been doing to keep this project moving. After receiving three different bids from three different contractors, the job has been awarded to F.A. Camden. He will start the work as soon as the land dries out. The area of the parking lot will be expanded and graded and covered with crush and run. The contractor was selected based on the ability to get the job done. The bid comes to about \$31,500.00. The contractor has already moved his equipment here and is ready to start now.

**Lighting** – Two bids for about \$22,000.00 were submitted. This pays for 5 areas of illumination, each of which consist of a 2 ft. brown stanchion which holds a 20 ft. pole topped by two adjustable LED lights. The total cost of the parking lot renovation and the lights will be about \$55,000.

**Church Renovation – Peter Regan**

We have hired the architect. Peter explained that instead of removing both side walls of the Church we will be moving the left and front walls out and the roof will be replaced. We are waiting for drawings that reflect these changes. Ed Weber has offered to bid on parts of this job with Ben Gutierrez doing some of the work. Jack Pierson asked why it costs more to keep the old roof than to put up a new roof. Peter Regan explained that to keep the old roof that we would need columns to support the roof when we move out the walls and that they would actually cost more than a new roof.

We have hired an architect and Fr. Roger said that it would probably take 2-3 weeks for the architect to finish the drawings. After we receive these blueprints and final drawings, the job will be posted for bids.

After we receive 2-3 bids, we will decide on a contractor and start the renovation. Peter Regan said that now is the time to pray that we collect the pledges and raise the money to make these renovations.

**Land Sale** – The land owned by the Church on Rt. 13 has been put up for sale again. Some buyers have expressed interest in it, but there have been no solid offers yet.

#### **Living Our Mission –**

This coming weekend Ben Gutierrez, Lou Hinds, Jan Andrejco and Mary Volz will do a Commitment Sunday Presentation at each Mass. Ushers will also hand out pledge cards and collect them back after the Mass. This is the last presentation for the Living our Mission. On June 1 the official amount pledged will be accounted for. In August a summary will come from the Diocese. Lou Hinds asked Fr. Roger if there will be a close-up meeting with John French. Fr Roger thought that there may be a meeting after he returns from his vacation.

#### **Hispanic Ministries – Ben Gutierrez**

There will be a charismatic group event and on May 21-22 there will be the Women's Emmaus Walk where they hope to raise some money.

There will be a concert on May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm and lasting to 10 pm. Ben will check on this because it is a Saturday and he thought it was going to be on a Sunday.

They will be having Holy Hour on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

**Parish Cleanup** - Ben thanked Kathy for letting us use a little front end loader/ back loader (termite) for our Parish Clean up. All the telephone poles were removed and a truckload of mulch was spread. A lot was accomplished with a small group of people (9 people). The Walk for Life in Onancock was at the same time so turnout was not as expected.

#### **Parish Picnic – Lou Hinds**

The date will be June 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm.

Lou asked Jennifer Langley to coordinate the Parish Picnic. Lou asked Ben if he wanted to get the Bouncy house for the kids this year. It will cost about \$165.00. Fr. Roger asked if we could have a dunking booth and charge \$1.00 per ball to dunk Lou Hinds or Ben Gutierrez. Lou also suggested a 50/50 raffle and any other ideas for fundraising.

Lou said that Community Life is in charge of paper products. Lou asked if Ben would get a band.

#### **Other Matters - Fr. Roger**

Fr Roger thanked everyone for the Spring Cleanup and for the parking lot renovation workers and for the people working on Living our Mission. Fr. Roger is so happy that everyone works well together and that he entrusts everything to the Holy Spirit. He thanked the Hispanic Community for their

involvement and he hopes to promote a unity between all the ministries so that we all come together for the good of the Church.

Fr. Roger will be leaving Sunday and will fly off on Monday morning to the Philippines and will be gone for five weeks. He wishes that we continue to move forward with all the projects. He invited Joanne Boyko to email to him any documents that might need his approval while he is gone. He hopes the church rebuilding momentum continues and that he will be receiving blueprints in 2-3 weeks.

Fr. Roger closed with a prayer.

Our next meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.