

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
10/25/17

Attendees:

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

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

Approval of the minutes – Lou Hinds went over the minutes from the September Pastoral Council meeting. Lou asked for any corrections or changes. Kathy Greene moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ben Gutierrez seconded the motion. All were in favor with no objections.

Mass Time Changes – Lou Hinds

Lou passed out an information sheet about the planned changes in Mass times. Rudy Gomez and Ben Gutierrez said that the changes had already been announced for the past several weeks at Hispanic Masses. The changes will be announced this weekend at the other Masses and in the Bulletin. Masses will be held at 5 pm on Saturday night, 9:00 am on Sunday in English and 11:30 am on Sunday in Spanish. Religious Education will be from 10:00 – 11:00 on Sunday.

New Phone System – Jo Anne Boyko

A new phone system has been installed. We are still learning the new system. We will have the same phone numbers for now and we will still have a fax machine. The email is still with Verizon for now. If we do change the email, the address will stay almost the same.

Jo Anne reports that after you answer the phone you need to wait 3 secs. before you connect and that sometimes connections with cell phones aren't good. Fr. Roger is pleased with his new voicemail and his phone at the rectory. In the future, Fr. Roger will be able to use his cell phone to access the voicemail on the phones. Hopefully this will solve the problem of reaching Fr. Roger in an emergency.

Lou Hinds thanked Jo Anne for accomplishing this transition. It was a big change and we saved money since the new system is less than half the cost of the former system.

Fundraising – Peter Regan

We have raised approximately \$620,000 which includes \$7449 from that most recent Hispanic Fundraiser and \$1500.00 in various additional donations, Peter reminded everyone that people must be asked to continue the Living our Mission Pledges.

Drawing –

Lou Hinds inquired about the ticket sales. Peter Regan reported that 50 tickets have been sold already and that lots of sellers are starting to sell. Tickets are \$100.00 each and a total of 300 tickets will be sold. Prizes will be \$8,000.00 for first prize, \$1,000.00 for second prize and 2, \$500.00 prizes for 3rd and 4th prize. Tickets are being sold after the Masses and from the Church office. Jo Anne has sold 14 tickets herself.

Renovation – Peter Regan

The plan is for the builders to be done by 12/1/17 and out by 12/11/17, no later. The Builder plans to bring in 3 more workers tomorrow. The plumbing is done, but the sewer still needs to be connected. The Electrician is mostly finished. Heat will be turned on next Thursday. Sheet rock is being put up now, it will be sanded and taped next week and then painted. Floors will be sanded, and rugs installed after that.

Ben Gutierrez reminded the council that the filters in the heaters will need to be changed every day while the dry wall is being finished. The dust clogging the filters can damage the heating system. Ben also recommended that the builders do not use a commercial machine for taping the dry wall, that they should hand tape the dry wall only. The commercial taping machine can cause cracks later. Ben also recommended a Paint Primer called 1,2,3 Bullseye Primer because that seals the dry wall much better than regular primer. Peter Regan said that he would tell that to Al Nardone and the builder and that we will be using 2 coats of Benjamin Moore paint over the primer. The floor will be sanded after painting to clean up any paint drips and carpet will be laid by Shelton Askew with Ben's Carpets of Onancock.

Everything needs to be completed for the Blessing of the Church scheduled on December 17th.

Hispanic Ministry – Rudy Gomez

Rudy reported on the most recent fundraiser that they held which raised another \$7449.00. In addition, the Youth Retreat will be held on November 18th for its 1st 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 5:30 pm. There will be a small drawing during the event. Some of the money raised will be used for the Youth Group activities and the rest will be given for Church construction.

Other Items of Importance - Fr. Roger

Blessing of the Church – Fr. Roger met with Msgr. Lane who will bless the new Church on December 17th at 12 pm. There will be only one Mass that day for the Blessing. Simbang gabi will follow at 5 pm.

There will be a Consecration of the new Church later after the New Year.

New Mass schedule – Fr. Roger encouraged the Parish Council members to suggest to parishioners that inquire about the new Mass schedule that combining the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses into one Mass at 9:00 am will allow us to gather as one big family in our new church.

Pre-school catechesis – Fr. Roger would like our children under 6 years old to be taken out to the Church Hall during the Mass for Catechesis. The Children will be blessed and then taken out just before the Gospel Acclamation and returned during the Our Father. This will be true for both Masses. Fr. Roger will encourage parents of the 1-2-year-old children to take them to the Narthex if they start crying or making noise. Fr. Roger asked Jennifer Langley to coordinate the preschool catechesis and she accepted. Parents will be asked to volunteer to help with this and supplies will be gathered and set up in the Church Hall.

Lou Hinds asked if the Mass overflows into the Hall, where will the children go? Fr. Roger suggested that we use the foyer in those cases for the catechesis area.

Safety repairs – Curt Hickman, Head of Risk Management for the Diocese, has pointed out that we have cracked sidewalks that need repair and that the swing set behind the church is a residential, not commercial grade swing set so it may be a safety hazard on Church property. By November 13th we will need to report back to the Diocese what we will be doing to address these concerns.

Lou Hinds asked if we could donate the swing set to someone? Everyone agreed that if the person who originally donated the swing set was agreeable, we should give it to someone who could use it.

Lou Hinds also suggested that we ask the contractors pouring the steps for the new church about the sidewalk repair.

Solemn Rite of Transfer - After the 5 pm Mass on December 16th we will have the last Mass in the Church Hall after which we will have a solemn rite of transferring the statues of the Holy Family and Ciborium into the new church in a procession. All Altar Servers will need to be there.

On Sunday morning, Dec 17th, the 14 Stations of the Cross will be carried into the new Church.

Lou Hinds asked about the sanctuary light. Fr. Roger said that only the Big Host will be used for the procession.

Lou Hinds asked for young people to help carry the statues. Peter Regan suggested that we get a committee together to arrange and coordinate this transfer.

The big Crucifix in the Church Hall will be moved to the new Church and the smaller Crucifix will be left in the Church Hall.

Announcements for this event will occur the two Sundays (Dec. 3rd and Dec. 10th) before that weekend.

Parking Lot questions – Fr. Roger anticipates that there may be a lot of questions about the parking after we announce the new Mass schedule. We currently have 100 parking places and 40 more will be available after cleanup of the construction equipment. If we anticipate an average of 2.5 people per car, we could accommodate 250 people at a Mass or other function.

Fr. Roger suggested that for big celebrations, such as Simbang gabi people can park in the back. Peter Regan commented that this could not be done if it rains. He also suggested that we might have to watch out for well heads back there.

All Saints and All Souls Day Masses – Joanne Boyko announced that Masses would be held both days (Nov. 1st and 2nd) at 9 am and 7 pm (Hispanic Mass). Lou Hinds asked for servers for the 7 pm Mass.

Next Meeting will be Nov. 15th at 7 pm.

Fr. Roger closed with a prayer.