

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting of March 10,2020

Attendees:

Kathy Green, Chairperson

Elaine Brehm Secretary

Joanne Boyko

Rudy Gomez

Ben Gutierrez

Father Roger Abadano

Christel De Leon, Parish Office Secretary

Lou Hinds- Discussion re: Coronavirus

Michael Janiszweski- representing Knights of Columbus

Meeting opened with a prayer by Kathy Greene.

Approval of Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting 2/4/2020 by Joanne Boyko,

Seconded by Henry Glowiak.

Approval of Minutes of Heads of Committees Meeting 2/11/2020 :Joanne Boyko,

Seconded: Ben Gutierrez

HISPANIC MINISTRIES REPORT: Rudy Gomez

Celebration of 16 year Anniversary of Charismatic Group is scheduled for Sat. March 21,2020 to be held at Accomack Elementary School from 9a.m. -5p.m. Food Sales at event will go towards St. Peter's Construction Fund. There is still a question whether an entry fee will be charged or whether there will be a raffle to raise money. Newly nominated leaders will be elected after the event. Father Roger will make a decision whether the Emmaus Women's Retreat will be held at Occahonick on the Bay May 22- May 24. Pentecost Feast is scheduled for May 31 10 a.m. until 6p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School. The usual Sunday 11:30 mass at St. Peter.s will be celebrated at noon at Metompkin.

Rehersals for the live Stations of the Cross will be held this coming Sunday at 6 p.m

Ben Gutierrez raised concern about the cost of inviting international speakers for Hispanic events until the church debt is paid.

Kathy Greene: Meatless Soup Supper schedule for March 27 : The Finance Council and Coros ministry will bring soup, bread, butter, and drinks. Kathy requests a list of what each participant is bringing.

Coronavirus Concerns- Lou Hinds and Father Roger

Father Roger has instituted there be no hand shaking for the Sign of Peace during masses, rather nodding of the head, bowing, body language be used instead. Also, sick persons should not partake of the consecrated Blood of Jesus. Anyone who has reservations about partaking of the Blood of Jesus shall make their own decision. The Diocese of Richmond allows the pastor discretion to make these decisions.

Lou Hinds passed out copies of Guidelines for good hygiene practices. Discussion followed and it was decided to remove the holy water in the Fount. Also, hand sanitizer will be dispensed at church entrance and church pews will be given extra attention when cleaned. Lou will ask parishioners Dr. Jeremy Seacrist or Dr. Macy Rubbrecht to instruct parishioners at upcoming masses on good health practices and information about Covid 19 pandemic.

Lenten Activities: Father Roger

Participation will be encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass in Richmond on April 6 at 6 p.m. All Lenten activities for Lenten Holy Week were reviewed. See Pastoral Council Meeting minutes of February 4 for detailed list. Good hygiene practices will be used during Veneration of the Cross. There will be three Baptisms on Holy Saturday, six First Communion and fourteen Confirmation candidates. Seating arrangements were discussed, and a final decision will be made at a later date.

Other Items of Importance: Michael Janiszewski initiated a discussion about the Knights of Columbus having the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 5. Although there haven't been any diagnosed cases of Covid 19 on the Eastern Shore, it was decided he would meet tomorrow with several Knights to make the final decision. Henry Glowiak brought up- the very disappointing participation in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It is a church function and it was decided that a greater effort will be made next year to enlist more Ministries to participate and encourage parishioners.

Closing prayer by Father Roger.

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 12, 2020

Minutes verified by  Kathy Greene,
Chairperson