**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING….Minutes of January 8, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:**

Kathy Greene (outgoing chairperson), Henry Glowiak (named new vice chair), Elaine Brehm (outgoing secretary), Joanne Boyko (named new chair), Father Michael Imperial, Seberiano Ventura, John Morrison, Esther Corpus, Bart Wheatley, Mark Nuckols (named new secretary), Donna Custis

Lou Hinds: Visiting presenter on Parking Lot

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

Joanne Boyko moved to Approve minutes as presented, Henry Glowiak seconded the motion.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PPC MEMBERS**

Seberiano Ventura, John Morrison, Esther Corpus, Bart Wheatley, Mark Nuckols

**ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY**

New Chair: Joanne Boyko

New Vice Chair: Henry Glowiak

New Secretary: Mark Nuckols

Father Michael thanked outgoing members and welcomed incoming members.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY REPORT**

Given by Father Mike

* Venizio Diaz is the coordinator for the Hispanic Ministry. Severiano Ventura will act as a go-between for the Hispanic Ministry and PPC.
* The Hispanic Youth raised $23,563.42 from food sale, raffles, etc. for their December retreat. After their expenses of $14,833.02, they had $8,730.40 left over, of which they are donating $1,500 for parking lot reconstruction. The remainder will go into the youth Ministry (budget/account).
* Parishioner Christine Darby was helped by Youth Ministry for her move.
* Youth Ministry will determine their own program with supervision by Virtus-trained adults.
* The Christmas decorations will be removed by Hispanic Ministry Jan. 13.
* The annual calendar will be completed and presented to PPC.

**UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING**

Given by Lou Hinds

Lou Hinds explained the situation thoroughly: the goal of improving the parking lot has been on the table for years. As the parish grows, the parking lot is becoming very crowded. The PPC has been trying to purchase additional land. Venicio Diaz has suggested paving the parking lot from Handicapped Parking to Coastal Blvd. PPC and Finance Council have okayed the removal of the utility pole (near the main entrance/exit to the lot) to open more space. The utility company should do the work in about 4 weeks. It will cost about $8,900.

Lou also emphasized that it was decided years ago to prioritize rebuilding the church. But now the parking lot has become a safety issue, with attendees of crowded Masses parking along Coastal Blvd as overflow.

Purchasing land adjacent to our present property was also discussed – hopefully we can convince at least one neighbor to sell to us – as well as the likelihood that we will have to arrange for a drainage pond. Negotiations are underway with one neighbor to purchase an area for use in expanding the parking lot. Hopefully, the church will be able to obtain additional land which surrounds that parcel.

**CONCERNS/OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE:**

* Length of Mass (brought up by Kathy Greene) – Some parishioners have complained of 9AM Mass running late. It was agreed that the Rosary should begin at 8:30 (not 8:40), announcements at 8:55. Mass can then begin promptly at 9:00.
* Crying Room/Narthex – The Crying Room will be emphasized (during announcements, etc.), so that Mass attendees with crying children will know where to go. More chairs should be available in the Narthex.
* Doors to Narthex should be closed before Mass due to noise level.

**DPP/ESRH**

Eastern Shore Rural Health has asked if they can use the church social hall as meeting space for their Diabetes Prevention Program. It was agreed that we should host them, as it would be a good service to the community. We should also make them a counter-proposal of allowing them to meet here for 1 hour every Wednesday evening.

**CLOSING PRAYER**: said by Father Michael

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING**: February 5,2024 at 6:30 p.m. (Subject to approval of new chair)

 The meeting was postponed until February 12 due to Father’s illness.

Minutes approved and accepted by:

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Joanne Boyko, Chair