

## Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

07/30/2019

### **Attendees:**

Fr. Roger  
Lou Hinds (Chairperson)  
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)  
Joanne Boyko  
Elaine Brehm  
Vinicio Diaz  
Henry Glowiak  
Rudy Gomez  
Ben Gutierrez  
Jacqueline Hernandez  
Jennifer Langley  
Christine Waldenmaier  
Matt Leffel from FOCUS College ministry

Lou Hinds opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of the minutes** – Kathy Greene moved to accept the minutes from the June meeting as corrected. Joanne Boyko seconded the motion.

### **FOCUS – Matt Leffel**

Matt Leffel is a college missionary working for the third year at University of Maine. FOCUS is an organization present on 160 campuses in the US and they endeavor to engage students in faith bible studies. Students who are interested in reaching out to other students are taught how to encourage others with fellowship and invitations to Mass. Mission trips are conducted to the Holy Land. FOCUS is funded by donations and leaders are paid. Matt left a web link for anyone who wished to support this mission.

### **Parking Lot - Lou Hinds**

Some work has already been done and the parking lot was sprayed. Diagrams of the existing parking lot were distributed, and members were asked to create ideas for the parking lot to submit at the September meeting. Discussion ensued about possible solutions. Christine made a motion that Henry approach T&W Block to lease or buy additional land to enlarge the parking area. Jennifer seconded the motion.

### **Altar Server Fun Day – Lou Hinds**

A day trip is planned for Assateague Island. Transportation is an issue as all chaperones need to be Virtus trained and each vehicle will require two chaperones be present. Discussion ensued

about the need for busses for trips taken by all parish ministries. Suggestion was made that an account be established to pay for rented vehicles. Renting busses from schools is not an option as they will not rent out their vehicles. Lou Hinds suggested that we purchase a used school bus which could then be used by all ministries. Jennifer and Rudy will conduct Virtus training before August 21. Joanne offered to drive on the Fun Day.

### **Parish Directory – Lou Hinds**

All pictures have been submitted to Life Touch. There is a need to have all personal information checked and edited if necessary. An announcement will be made next Sunday requesting volunteers to staff tables in the Narthex before and after Masses so parishioners can verify their correct information. This will be done the following Sunday and verified information and proofs will be returned to Life Touch in September.

### **Hispanic Ministries – Rudy Gomez**

Church cleanup was completed in July. Twenty-five volunteers weeded, edged and did general clean up. The statue of Our Lady has not yet been moved, but Rudy will do it. Mulching is not completed. These two tasks will be completed soon.

### **Other Items – Fr. Roger**

#### **McNulty Building Renaming**

Fr. Roger read a letter from Bishop Knestout that stated all free-standing buildings cannot be named after a person. Kathy motioned that the building be renamed “Religious Education Building”. Motion seconded by Elaine. Approved unanimously. A plaque honoring Bishop McNulty will be hung inside the building.

**New Piano** – Fr. Roger announced that the Music Ministry requested a new piano. A new “Roland Mini-Grand” piano will be purchased. \$2,000.00 seed money and \$4,040 from the construction fund will be used to pay for the piano. The old piano will be sold, and donations accepted to defray this cost. Any monies raised will be returned to the construction fund.

**Books Concern** – No one should remove any books from the Altar or Sacristy without Fr. Rogers knowledge and approval.

**Holy Day of obligation** – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15 and is a Holy Day of obligation. A High Mass will be celebrated at 9 am in English and 7 pm in Spanish.

**Donors Grotto**- Fr. Roger presented a drawing of the Donors Grotto. If 150-250 bricks are sold, they will cost the church \$18.00 each to purchase.

**Discussion by Members:**

Henry brought up the need for new hymn boards. Peter Regan will ask Kevin Daley if he could make two new ones so that they match.


Jennifer Langley informed the council that a new Christian school, grades Pre-K-12 will be opening in Accomack. More information will be presented at the next meeting. Jennifer asked the council to keep this endeavor in their prayers.

Ben Gutierrez discussed the needed repairs to the Rectory and hoped that they could be done as soon as possible. Joanne Boyko presented the original recommendations from the inspectors and encouraged that projects be reported upon their completion. Also, safety videos should be viewed by each Ministry.

Ben, Vinicio and Rudy will get volunteers August 16 and 17 to demolish the walkway from the Religions Education Building.

Fr. Roger closed with a prayer.

Next meeting will be Sept. 10 at 7 pm.

Minutes Verified by  (Chairperson, Pastoral Council)