

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2019

ATTENDEES;

Lou Hinds (Chairperson)  
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)  
Joanne Boyko  
Elaine Brehm  
Venizio Diaz  
Henry Glowiak  
Rudy Gomez  
Christine Waldenmaier  
Jaqueline Hernandez  
Jennifer Langley  
Ben Gutierrez  
Father Roger

Lou Hinds opened the meeting with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-Jennifer Langley moved to accept the minutes as corrected of the July 30,2019 meeting. Kathy Greene seconded the motion.

PARKING LOT –(entrance and exit)

Elaine Brehm and Joanne Boyko submitted drawings (Homework) of proposed parking lot ideas. Lou Hinds passed out his diagram which Mr. Pusey at VDOT had said would tentatively be acceptable if parking areas stayed behind the light pole located near the street in front of the church. Entrance and exit locations would be accepted as located on Lou's drawing. Lou said the tentative cost to cover the proposed changes, ie. the gravel,, paint, bumpers @ \$45 , signage, etc. would be approximately \$1200. Lou will submit plans to VDOT for approval and if approved will submit final plans to council. Council requested Lou continue to pursue changes to parking lot since he had already worked on the plans.

GARDEN OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND DONORS RECOGNITION-

Venizio Diaz and Rudy Gomez reported much work had already been done which included moving the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a fork lift. Fidel Martinez broke up the concrete of the existing walkways and many volunteers removed it. A 50/50 mix of clay and sand was then put down and leveled. Venizio noticed the remaining walkways were very uneven which could cause drainage problems so the entire remaining walkway was removed. A week later concrete was poured. The walkways were finished in a very professional way thanks to the work of the volunteers. Lunch was provided for all the volunteers by two woman of the parish. Lou Hinds and Peter Regan presented information to the congregation on the Capital Campaign. Father Roger explained that the original name of "Grotto" was changed to "'Garden of the Blessed Virgin Mary". Names of donors who donated a minimum of \$1200.00 will be inscribed on bricks forming the base of the statue. There will be two phases to the completion of the project. Everyone who has completed donations by September 15 will be included in Phase One. Approximately 105 bricks will be ordered after September 15 for this phase. The Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be cut from the existing base and moved by a crane. Father Roger will send an invitation to the Bishop to attend a ceremony to bless the BVM and

the Garden at completion of Phase Two. All donations for bricks minus the cost of bricks will go toward the Building Fund.

WHAT IS LEFT TO DO- Top soil needs to be put along edges of walkways and grass seeding will be done tomorrow. Plants will be obtained to line walkway. An entrance and exit will be developed to the Garden.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES REPORT- Rudy Gomez reported Fidel Martinez had poured concrete for the back step of rectory. Handrails will be installed. Joanne Boyko suggested all the volunteers be recognized at completion of work on Garden with a reception with cake and coffee during which Lou's pictures of entire project from beginning to completion could be running. Father Roger recognized Rudy Gomez, Ben Gutierrez, Venizio Diaz, Lou Hinds, and all the volunteers for the work they did on the Garden of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father told the council it had always been his dream to raise the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and provide a beautiful garden setting.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS OTHER CONCERNS-

Jennifer Langley reported there was still no announcement to be made re the Christian School in Accomack.

Kathy Greene reported the defibrillator was purchased by the Ladies Auxiliary and is in the office temporarily until a box to house it in the Narthex is ordered and installed. The Ladies Auxiliary has agreed to pay for the box and Kathy and Ben will follow up and order a box with an alarm. Training sessions for use of the device have not yet been scheduled.

Christine Waldenmaier suggested a renewed emphasis on all the existing church ministries. Father requested the ministries be included on the web site. Joanne Boyko suggested all ministries should submit reports every three months. Father requested Ministry Coordinators submit reports quarterly.

Joanne Boyko suggested a Safety Environmental Committee should be established to conduct maintenance inspections and improvements. Attention should be given to the "Catch All" room off the meeting hall which needs to be put in order. Lou will call for a meeting to establish such a committee.

Rudy Gomez reported an Emmaus Retreat for Hispanic men will be held on September 14. On September 25 there will be a retreat for all parishioners at the Mary N. Smith school. There will be a cover charge of \$10.00 for attendees 15 years and older. Anyone under that age will be free. A speaker from the Dominican Republic and a singer from Mexico will be on the program. Food and snacks will be sold and all proceeds will go towards the Construction Fund.

Henry Glowiak and Peter Regan will meet with Genivive from T&W Block to request additional land for church parking lot.

Lou Hinds and Ben Gutierrez have 12 Altar Servers-in-training. If all complete the training there will be a total of 37 servers.

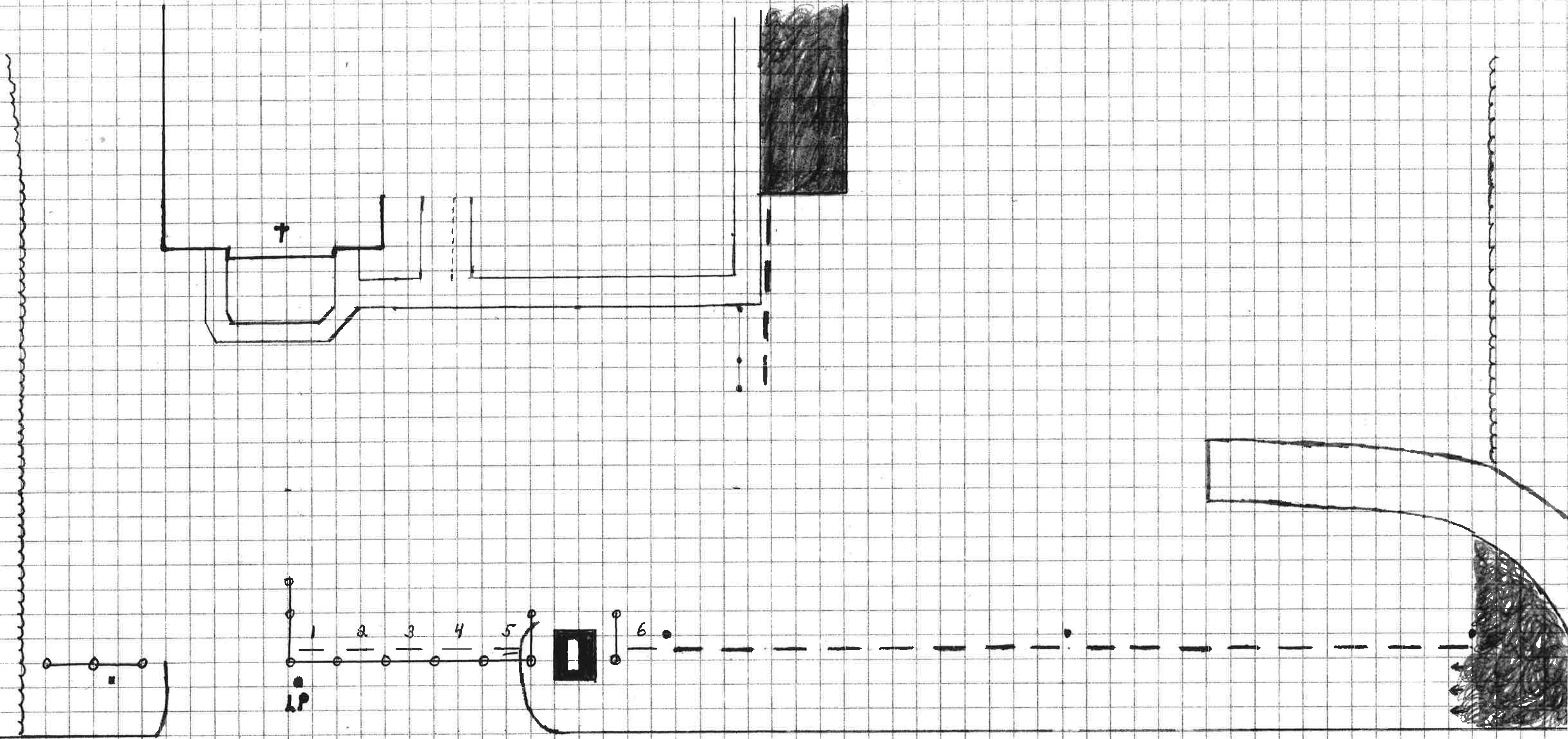
Father Roger presented the U.S. Presidential Award St. Peters received for the work performed with the Migrant Ministries. Father will inform the congregation of this prestigious award. Elaine Brehm suggested an announcement be put in newspapers and council agreed.

Lou Hinds presented the chairperson's gavel to Kathy Greene who will be the new Pastoral Council Chairperson. Father recognized Lou's dedication and hard work for the years he served as the Council Chairperson.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting: October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes verified by *Kathy Greene* Kathy Greene, Chairperson Parish Council



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