

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 11, 2015

**Attendees:**

Father Lito  
Lou Hinds (Chairman)  
Kathy Greene  
Ben Gutierrez  
Jennifer Langley  
Jack Pierson  
John Tyson  
Christine Waldenmaier (taking minutes)  
Heads of various Ministries

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

**Agenda Items:**

**New Co-Chairperson** - Lou Hinds announced that the Pastoral Council members had agreed at the last meeting that Kathy Greene would be a co-chairperson for the Pastoral Council.

**Minutes** - Review of the Feb 11, 2015 minutes was led by Christine. The minutes were approved by all.

**Parish Community Life Ministry – Reita Schmidt** – read by Jennifer Langley (See attached report)

Lou Hinds asked which ministry was updating the new parishioner handout. Joanne replied Judy Manning was doing that and that she had a copy. Lou asked for a few copies so he could hand them out.

**Hispanic Eucharistic ministers – Angelica Zuniga**

Ivan Deanda introduced the Hispanic head minister for the Eucharistic Ministers, Angelica Zuniga.

She reported that they have already started following the new manual that Father gave them. They have started to distribute a calendar every 3 months for the scheduled ministers. They have monthly ministry meetings and only those who attend the meeting can serve for the following month. They have 9 Eucharistic Ministers right now.

**Confirmation - Shirley Hirsch**

Retreat for confirmands was held here. Fifty three participants attended. It was a huge success. It was hosted by the Net ministry. Shirley thanked everyone who brought dinner or helped out for the event. Confirmation will be held here also. Msgr Lane is coming. It will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Refreshments will have to be provided afterward. We will have help from St. Andrews and St. Charles. Sixteen confirmands will participate this year, ten confirmands are from St. Peters.

**Religious Education – Sarah Coleman (see attached report)**

Living Stations of the Cross will be performed on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Easter egg hunt will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Religious Education building still needs to be cleaned. Sarah asked that folks that use the building clean it before they leave. She asked that the copier be left untouched. Sarah congratulated Lou Hinds with his success with the children's choir. Sarah is looking into getting musical instruments for the children. Sarah asked for someone to recycle the paper they've collected. Lou commented that we need to encourage church members to separate recyclables and to get someone to take it to the recycling center.

Lou Hinds stated that the children's choir has been spontaneous so far. He commented that the children could sing the songs for the prayers since they already know them. He will continue to ask them to sing during Mass to get them used to singing in front of people. He hopes to eventually develop cantors and musicians.

### **Migrant and Immigrant Family Ministry – Kathy Bredimus (see attached report)**

The Christmas Gift giving program distributed presents to 440 children this past Christmas. Next year's Christmas program will be limited to children 12 yrs. old and under (a decrease of 80 children) next year because we are limited in how much space we have for distributing the presents. A parish in Roanoke donated warm weather clothing and they are waiting to give that out. They will raffle some donated items in the Spring. Diocesan seminarians and/or interns will be coming this summer. The internship is available to bilingual (Spanish/English) Catholics over 18 years old. It pays a weekly stipend. We may need to find housing for these interns and the use of a summer vehicle. They are also recruiting volunteers to survey the camps for needs assessments before the interns come. We are the example for guidelines that they are developing on a diocesan level for other areas. They have located three pilot areas, Amelia, Clarksville and Harrisonburg that do not have Migrant Ministries, but do have migrant populations. The idea is to standardize migrant ministry in the diocese.

Fr. Michael Imperial will be the General Coordinator of Migrant Ministry on the Eastern Shore. He will be directing recruitment for interns and volunteers on the Eastern Shore. Father Lito asked how many interns would be hired? Kathy responded that she believed it might be one for each parish.

### **Adult Faith Formation - Trish Harmon (see attached report)**

Prayer buddies – Prayer cards were distributed by children after Mass on Valentine's Day. Next year names will be collected at the beginning of Mass and cards distributed at the end of the same Mass. She thanked Sr. Margaret for helping with the distribution of the cards.

Financial peace – Attendees were highly supportive of this program and will talk at Masses this weekend about the experience.

See attached report for information about the Lenten Retreat, Seder Supper, Spring Bible study, Hispanic Bible Study, Vocation Cross, and Catholic Home Study Program. The Cherish Program is a one-day retreat for married couples. We are waiting for a priest to be part of this event.

## **Youth Ministry – Ivan Deanda**

Currently the youth ministries is having meetings every 2 weeks.

We hope to work with Migrant Ministry this summer with Camp Masses. Field trip planned on March 28<sup>th</sup> to Salisbury Mall to see a movie called “Home” from 8:30 – 2:00 pm. First meeting they had 32 kids, the next 22 kids. He asked the parents for support so that attendance wouldn’t fall off. They are working to get the kids to use their time, talent and treasure. Joanne asked if 2 times a month was too often. Ivan commented that the kids wanted to do it every two weeks. He has some assistants to help him out. Sarah Coleman commented that at 9:15 this weekend they will be having a parents meeting for the parents of the Religious Ed. Students and that he could attend to talk with parents. Ivan mentioned the YMCA scholarships and said that he was going to spread the word about that. Mary Volz asked about it and Kathy explained that at least 10 scholarships were available.

## **Basiliza Jimenez - Marriage preparation class**

The ministry leaders prepare themselves by attending conferences in Richmond for marriage ministry. They are currently using the books the Diocese sent, but they will need to order new ones. Right now there are three couples in the ministry. They are planning four weddings for this year; one has been completed. They are starting April 4<sup>th</sup> with the classes. Four classes of two hours are required. They are just doing it here. Peter Regan commented that they had in the past always sent people across the Bay to other parishes for pre-Cana. Basiliza commented that the Diocese has approved her program to be held here.

## **Ben Gutierrez – Hispanic coordinator**

They have 17 ministries and he has monthly meetings with them on the first Sunday of each month. He commented that this is the year of action. This coming Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> they will meet to discuss the vision for each ministry and how they can work toward that vision and what could be done better.

Last year they did the clean up every month. They hope to do the same this year. They want to have tools here to use and the plan is to store them in the 12 x 24 shed. They need help to buy the tools and they need to make a schedule for the cleanup crews. Ben said he is very happy at how the ministries work together.

Kathy and Trish offered to bring in some garden tools. Ivan mentioned that the second Saturday of each month would be when they have planned to do the cleanups. They normally start at 7 am.

*Stations of the Cross* – Ivan Deanda explained that practices have been on-going for an outdoor, live reenactment of the 14 Living Stations. It would be in both English and Spanish at 6 pm on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need to start announcing that.

### **Social Ministry - Sister Margaret (see attached report)**

Social Ministry is the new name for Justice and Peace. This past three months we have been very busy due to the severe weather. More burn outs have been happening due to space heaters. One parishioner has had a family member whose house caught fire. Lighthouse Ministries agrees to supply free clothing and furniture for these people. In addition, there are more homeless women with children this year. There are only two places – Lighthouse Ministries and Eastern Shore Center for Domestic Violence (ESDV) for them to find shelter. The ESDV office in Onancock covers the whole Shore and when their apartments are filled (take 16 people) they will use Motels. They had 5 Motel rooms rented in December at an average price of \$50.00/night. We supply food to them in the Hotels. Also, the food bank gives out food once per month – a bag with meat.

Therefore, our biggest problem is the need for homeless shelters. Sister would rather support current places that exist than trying to build a new shelter due to the fact that it's not enough to just provide the shelter, you need 24 hr. supervision also.

Sr. Margaret needs some new members. She only has two members who are well right now.

Financially it has been a good year for us. The Diocese Fuel and Hunger gave us 4,000.00 which is more than we have ever gotten at any time. Sr. interviews the St Andrews needy also and they received \$3,000.00 from the Diocese. We do not give money, we pay bills for the individual. She has a way of promising payment to the fuel and electric companies.

Mary Volz pointed out that Exmore Baptist may have completed a homeless shelter. Sr. Margaret said she would check into it.

Sr. Margaret says that they also help people to find housing assistance from State and Federal agencies.

### **Finance Council – Mary Volz (see attached report)**

They just added Jay Davenport as a new member. We are below budget right now because of bad weather recently. There will be a new budget form for the ministries to fill out and she is requesting they submit their budgets soon.

Lou asked Mary about electronic giving. Mike Dillenberg and Peter Regan commented that the Diocese has a policy on this. Auto debit from a bank account is currently already being used. Mike commented that they disapprove of credit cards so the Diocese may not approve using them. Joanne will be attending a Parish Managers meeting and she offered to ask about that at the meeting. Fr. Lito agreed that credit cards should not be used, only debit cards.

### **Administration - Joanne Boyko –**

Joanne welcomed Ivan Deanda who will be the Hispanic assistant. He will work Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday. He will translate the bulletin into Spanish. There will still be two separate bulletins.

Joanne will be attending the Parish Ministers meeting in Richmond on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Parish directory – all the materials are in the hands of Lifetouch. She thanked Lou Hinds for creating the directory. We will get them back within this month and will review them. People who had their pictures taken will get a directory free. Those who didn't get their picture will have to pay \$6.00. New parishioners will get them for free.

Mass Reconciliation – Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Fr. Lito has agreed to the Holy week schedule; Holy Thursday Mass will be April 2nd at 7 pm. Good Friday service April 3rd will be at 8 pm, Saturday, Easter Vigil April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Easter Sunday Masses – normal Mass time.

### **Capital Expenditure Committee - Mike Dillenberg**

The parking lot plan is still at Accomack County for the site plan approval. They have had this plan for 3 months. The new storage barn location will be dependent on the results of that plan. Mike recommended that we inventory our current shed, clean it out and use that space. If we get the site plan approved within this month, we will submit requests for proposals based on that plan. After that they will forward the plans on the parking lot improvement and lighting to the diocese and get their approval. Mike also explained that the VDOT evaluation would have been needed if we were to expand the entrances out front or move the power pole out front, but we will not be making those changes.

### **Renovation Committee – Peter Regan**

Peter Regan introduced the new Renovation Committees members; Fr. Lito, Mike Dillenberg, Ivan Deanda and Lou Hinds. Peter explained that the purpose of the renovation committee was to look into the beautification and enlargement of the nave sanctuary. Building and Renovation Committee of the Diocese (BARC) has a very thick document that we must comply with before we do renovations. A scheduled meeting was recently cancelled and a new Skype meeting will take place soon. They are approving us so far and will give permission for architects to come in and give suggestions as to how to go forward. Peter explained that at this point potential costs are unknown, but that money may eventually need to be raised to fund this renovation. Eventually they foresee more subcommittees being formed to do all the necessary work.

Our first project, the ladies room, has been completed. Ivan was congratulated for leading the volunteers. Mike did the carpentry and door installation. It was completed for just over \$3,000.00. Lou suggested that we get a list of folks that helped out for thanks.

*The following Ministry reports were submitted to Christine Waldenmaier to be presented*

### **Eucharistic Ministers – Charlie Schmidt (See attached report)**

**Bereavement – Elaine Brehm** - We met as a committee on Feb. 24. We brought the Bereavement book up to date and one member approached a family member of a recent parishioner who had passed away. She declined our services. We asked that new Bereavement kits be ordered and Joanne Boyko said she would do that. We discussed how we approached our parishioners and felt everything was

running smoothly with no need to change any procedures. I still do not get notified whenever there is a death and would really like someone in the office to be responsible for notifying us. Otherwise, we may not hear of that death and miss contacting a surviving parishioner.

### **Music Ministry – Carolyn Harney**

Carolyn is asking for help – a new guitarist or organist or piano player to help out in the Music Ministry.

### **Fr Lito's Agenda Items**

Fr. Lito congratulated and thanked Lou Hinds, Mary Volz, Mike Dillenberg and Ben Gutierrez for their continuing service as ministry heads.

Fr. Lito invited everyone to Richmond for the Chrism Mass on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. If we'd like to go we can leave with Fr. Lito at 2 pm.

Fr. Lito asked if you have an issue to be discussed, please don't interrupt his focus before Masses.

Lou mentioned that Fr. Lito should feel free to ask for help if he needs it.

PC meeting 2/23/15

PCLM report

It seems that Mother Nature has been less than cooperative, due to weather issues, both the Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross have been cancelled since Lent began. We are hopeful that we will all be able to attend the soup supper and Stations of the Cross this coming Friday, March 25th. There is no other activity planned, until after Easter.

PC meeting 2/20/15

PCLM report

The Simbang Gabi was a great success. Over 220 people attended Mass and most stayed for the buffet supper. Food was provided by the Philippine, Hispanic and other members of the Parish. I was told by some of the people from other parishes that we had best experience celebration they had attended. This was truly a joint Parish function.

The Welcoming committee has been busy. Judy and Pat Manning have made contact with three new/returning singles and a couple. One of the three has rejoined our parish. Don't forget, if you see someone new, reach out and invite them to contact Judy or Pat Manning. They will contact the person/s and provide them with information about our Parish

Ministry Update - March 11, 2015

Name of Ministry: Religious Education

Current Activities or Status: We are preparing for Easter.

Kathy Budemius' First Communion Classes performing Living Stations of the Cross on Mar 27. On Mar 28, we will have the Easter Egg Hunt

Needs, Concerns or way we could improve:

Do we have someone who cleans the Religious Education building?

We have a problem with the copier. For the past few weeks, when we come in on Sunday morning, the copier isn't working and we have to reset it. (Turning it off doesn't clear it.) I think children might be playing with it during the week. Also, we find bottles of tea and children's art work where someone has been in the building and doesn't clean up after themselves. We need to work together so that we can all enjoy the building.

Ideas or Visions for the Future: I want to congratulate - Len Hinds for his success in developing a children's choir. The choir seems to be growing.

- We are ~~are~~ currently recycling our paper in a box in the office. What do we do when the ~~box~~ is full?

- Jenny Mackay is putting together a notebook that may encourage vocations. I am going to meet with her next week about that.

Sarah Coleman



## MINISTRY UPDATE March 6, 2014

Name of Ministry: St. Peter the Apostle Parish Migrant Ministry

Current Activities or Status: The parish Migrant Ministry is, for the most part, a seasonal ministry. Since October, 2013, we have been inactive as far as serving a migrant population. However, we have maintained close contact with our network of parishes in the Tidewater area and plan to coordinate with them when the farming season starts up in April. This year we are expecting a larger population of migrant farmworkers than has come the past two years, although this increase has not been verified.

In November, Deacon Dan Hoppe was made the coordinator of Migrant Ministry at the three Shore parishes. He met with our members twice, both to gain knowledge of our ministry and to apprise us of diocesan guidelines. The diocesan Migrant Ministry director, Justin Myers, has made the first move toward securing at least one seminarian from the Archdiocese of Miami to work with us this summer. It will probably be someone who has not come to the Shore before.

I met with Father Lito and the parish Finance Council in January and our ministry now has two accounts that will allow us to deposit and withdraw money for both migrant needs and immigrant family needs. We plan to fund our ministry activities in part by fundraising projects, like the yard sale and bike raffle we participated in last fall.

In December, our ministry's Christmas Giving Program served more than 160 Hispanic families (450+ children) on the Shore. Gifts were provided by seven Tidewater area parishes. Gifts of food were donated by Ascension Church, Sacred Heart Church, and Holy Family Church and were distributed around Thanksgiving.

The ministry helps, when possible, immigrant families in need. We still have some Food Lion food cards, if you should know of a family or individual in immediate need of food. You can contact Jim Albright, Shirley Hirsch, or me and we will get cards to them.

We have received supplies of warm clothing from generous St. Peter's parishioners, Holy Spirit Church, Virginia Beach, and Our Lady of Nazareth Church in Roanoke and have made these supplies available to families at our Christmas Giving Program in December and recently after the 12:30PM Mass.

Note: St. Pius X and Sacred Heart Parishes, Norfolk, recently received the Silver Volunteer Service Award from President Obama for donating 700 service hours last year toward helping the less fortunate on the Eastern Shore. We whole-heartedly congratulate them!

Needs, concerns, or ways we could improve: We are in need of more volunteers, especially bilingual English/Spanish, to better serve migrant farmworkers in the camps and in helping get them to doctor and clinic visits. Of course, more participation of St. Peter's parishioners, especially Anglo parishioners, at our camp visits and at evening Mass in the camps has always been needed and appreciated. We can now accept donations of bedding, towels, toiletries, summer clothing (especially men's size small and medium), shoes, and electric fans.

Thanks to all who remember the migrant and immigrant among us, and who so warmly welcome the seminarians who come to help them.

**Current Activities**

**PRAYER BUDDIES** – creates opportunity for parishioners to pray for the children of our parish or any other children they know. We had a good start this year in getting the names on cards using the Valentines theme. However, snow and other weather delayed the distribution but eventually it was completed with the help of the children at each Mass. Presently have a few names remaining which will be given to the both Bible (Anglo and Hispanic) studies to pray for the children.

We plan a different system next year for collecting names at each Mass and distributing them at the same Mass.

**Financial Peace University (FPU)** is a family finance planning program lead by Jennifer and Brian Langley. For 8 weeks from January to March, 6 families attended the class. All attendees gave rave reviews of the content, discussions and more importantly the results of the program in their lives. We will hear from them directly at the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses this weekend.

**Lenten Retreat** Father Ray Weisman will give the 2015 Lenten retreat on Saturday March 14, 2015 on the theme of “The Seder “. The retreat will begin at 9am and conclude with lunch at 12:00.

**Seder Supper** for St Peters will be celebrated on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1, 2015 at 5pm. We are working with a committee of volunteers from the Seder last year to gather all the necessary foods and items. The attendees will take a larger part in responses throughout the event this year since we are using a new script.

**Bible Study** the Spring Bible Study will be a continuation of the Fall one on Psalms. Psalms 2 will treat the Lamentation Psalms and the Psalms of declarative Praise. The lamentation psalms have become a familiar one to the class after studying the Book of Job last year. We will have sign-up Sundays on March 21/22 and April 11/12. and classes will run from April 15 to June 10. We look forward to this being an inspiring experience which will draw us closer to the Lord and to each other. *Hispanic Bible Study will start in May*

**Shroud Presentation** will take place in the summer this year on the weekend of August 15/16. Details to follow.

**Brochure Rack** The missals for 2015 went fast. We are planning to order new brochures for the summer.

**Vocation Cross** The cross will move from the 8am Mass to the 10:30 Mass in April for the following 3 months. Charlie has agreed to take charge of it at 8.

**Cherish** -This program is on hold until we can find a priest to be part of the Team.

**Catholic Home Study Program** Some parishioners showed an interest in doing the program at home. We will offer the group class again in the Summer to see if there is any further interest.

**Ladies' Room** This was a project of the CEC committee but now is in the Renovation Committee, so I will let Peter report on it.

# Ministry Update – March 11, 2015

Name of Ministry: Eucharistic Ministers

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## Current Activities or Status

- The Liturgy Ministries Retreat did take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> in our Church Hall. The retreat was conducted by Rev. Raymond Weisman from St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church. The Retreat Theme was “The Eucharist”. The eighteen Ministers attending expressed their appreciation to Fr. Ray for a well- planned and presented retreat.
- Currently, there are a total of 22 Extraordinary Ministers serving the Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.
- The last EM Quarterly Meeting, Scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to weather conditions. Once the weather improves, the missed Quarterly Meeting will again be scheduled.

## Needs, Concerns or ways we could improve

- There are two additional individuals that expressed an interest in serving as an EM. Arrangements are being made to train these two individuals.

# Ministry Update - March 11, 2015

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Name of Ministry St. Peter's Social Ministry

## Current Activities or Status

Probably busier than previous years due to severe weather, especially with heating and electric. Seeing/providing/assisting with more homeless this year than usually through Domestic Violence and Lighthouse Ministry. Rash of burn-outs this year compared with previous years. Many are using space heaters in addition to other home heat.

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## Needs, Concerns or ways we could improve

May need to add new members to our Committee as several current members are limited in their activities due to health concerns.

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## Ideas or Visions for the future

Still need more shelters for the homeless, someplace they can stay with out being using motels which can be rather expensive.

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Food is available if anyone needs it.

MINISTRY UPDATE - MARCH 11, 2015

Name of Ministry      FINANCE COUNCIL

Current Activities or Status

We are currently up-to-date on all bills and invoices. We have just added another member to our Committee: Jay Davenport, who was appointed by Fr. Lito. We are somewhat below our YTD budget due to the bad weather and people missing Mass.

Needs, Concerns or way we could improve

We are in process of obtaining new fiscal year budget forms from the Diocese and will be asking the different Ministries to give our Committee their budgets for the coming fiscal year - 2015-2016.

Ideas or Visions for the future

None at this time. See above.

