

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: March 22, 2017 – 19:00

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Mechanicsville, VA

ATTENDANCE

Pastoral Council Members

- Ellen Spain, Chairperson
- Marilyn Alfaro - Present
- Peggy Anderton – Absent
- Carolyn Brand - Present
- Donnie Gladfelter - Absent
- Maria Harris - Present
- Dave Hopper - Present
- John Kadukammakal - Present
- Jackie Linklater - Present
- Jesse Lopez - Present
- Jane Nucup – Present
- Brian Goulet – Present
- Loraine Tracy – Staff Liaison, Present

Clergy

- Father Jay Wagner – Excused
- Deacon Chris Colville – Present

MEETING MINUTES

I. **Opening Prayer**

Councilman Jane Nucup opened the meeting in prayer at 19:00.

II. **Faith Formation – Chris Colville**

Deacon Colville shared a reading by Mary Joseph Rogers, founder of the Mary Knoll Missionary Sisters. Councilmen shared their thoughts on the reading. Chris then ended the reflection by challenging the council, as a leadership body of the parish, to find some way to strengthen their relationship with Christ for the rest of Lent. The council should become true companions of Christ.

III. **Reports**

Finance Council Report

- Ellen Spain, in the absence of Tom Grasberger, asked if anyone had any thoughts to share about the Finance Council budget meeting that we attended. Various council members shared that it was a good experience to see how the budget process works. Also, it was good to see that Finance Council is a very good steward of the money that is collected from our parishioners.
- A suggestion was made that the Stewardship Council should be invited to attend that meeting too since they are charged with developing treasure along with time and talent.

Pastor Report

Fr. Jay was at Lourdes for their parish reconciliation service to hear confessions.

Deacon Report – Deacon Chris Colville

- Nothing further.

IV. Review of Committee Reports

Art and Environment - Carolyn Brand

- Finance Council approved the request of \$16,000 for professional services agreement with selected architect.
- Carolyn handed out an update from the sub-committee which will be included in the bulletin for this Sunday.

Evangelization – Loraine Tracy

- Along with the report, Loraine reported that the Evangelization committee met with Grayle and Fr. Jay and has begun the planning for the St. John Neumann Relic visit to Redeemer.
- The Plenary session sub-committee has met 2-3 times and has also met with LeRoy Orie to discuss Young Adult Ministry at Redeemer. They will be meeting with Diane Atkins next to discuss how to better minister to her population.

Stewardship

- No questions or concerns from the report.

RE and Youth

- No questions or concerns from the report.

Human Concerns

- No questions or concerns from the report.

Liturgy and Worship

- No questions or concerns from the report.

V. Chair Report

- Good News article for May is Marilyn Alfaro.
- Prayer and refreshment for April is Maria Harris.
- PC reports are due April 18th.

VI. Old Business

- Carolyn made sure everyone had the invitation to the Bon Fete that will be held April 22 after the 5:30pm Mass to honor the 20 year partnership between Redeemer and AFAL. Two Haitian women will be here so Carolyn would like to see that we have a good turnout. Please try to come.

VII. New Business

- **Saturday Vigil Mass Time:** Parishioners have asked that Pastoral Council revisit changing the Mass time on Saturday to an earlier time. As a result of an informal poll of staff and some ministries, other parishioners have voiced opinions about not moving the time. Ellen polled staff and most on staff would not be affected by a change. Erin would be affected the most. Ellen polled prayer leaders and altar servers and the response was split on a change to the Mass time.
- Some council members asked why we should revisit the issue since we visited it a year or so ago and decided not to change the time. Discussion followed. Consensus was that the time should remain the same. Council did due diligence to the subject by polling the parish and evaluated the results of the poll. The decision made at the time was not to change so this Council should abide by that decision.
- Ellen will work with Loraine to draft a statement for the bulletin.
- **Draft Surveys:** Ellen asked what council thought of the draft surveys. Consensus of council was that the surveys were clear and straight forward. The surveys are intended for new parishioners. Ellen asked if 3 months was a good amount of time after a parishioner joined to send the survey. Consensus was that maybe 6 months would be better. 6 months would give a new

parishioner time to get to know the parish and all of the ministries available here.

- A sampling of respondents to the commitment form will be obtained by this committee and a survey will be done to see get their feedback on the use of the commitment form and other survey questions such as did they receive a call from the ministry head.
- Council discerned that the Liturgy and Outreach survey should go out to parishioners in the fall of 2017.
- Once any surveys are completed the information gathered will be disseminated to the Pastoral Council to review and discern.

VIII. Closing Prayer

- Meeting concluded in prayer led by Councilman Jane Nucup at 20:00.