

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: November 16, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Location: Pasta House Restaurant, Mechanicsville, VA

ATTENDANCE

Pastoral Council Members

- Ellen Spain, Chairperson – Present
- Marilyn Alfaro – Not Present
- Peggy Anderton – Not Present
- Carolyn Brand - Present
- Donnie Gladfelter – Not Present
- Maria Harris - Present
- Dave Hopper - Present
- John Kadukammakal – Present
- Brian Goulet- Not Present
- Jackie Linklater - Present
- Jesse Lopez - Present
- Jane Nucup – Not Present

Clergy

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

Other Representatives

- Loraine Tracy-
Staff Liaison
- Tom Grasberger –
Finance Council Liaison

MEETING MINUTES

I. Opening Prayer

Carolyn Brand opened the meeting in prayer.

II. Faith Formation – Deacon Chris Colville

Deacon Coleville shared some reflective reading on living out our call to be merciful.

III. Reports

Finance Council Report – Tom Grasberger

- Tom reported that in the past, Finance Council was concerned about the large amount of money in the Parishioner in Need fund. They had Diane Atkins come to a meeting to explain how the money is disbursed. They asked Diane to try to give more of the money to help those in need. Tom said that Diane has been working hard to keep the amount of money in the fund at a reasonable level and the increased giving to those in need has had a positive impact.
- Collections are still running over budget. The contingency fund is growing but needs to grow more as the building is aging. Regina has worked to get 4 bids which include the same scope for the front doors. Hopefully we will move quicker on installing new doors.
- Tom would like PC to make a recommendation that a committee of parishioners be put together to be a watch dog for the building structure and maintenance so large repairs won't come as a surprise. This group could possibly make a timeline of future maintenance and repairs that will be needed so the contingency fund can keep up. Ellen and Chris agreed to approach some parishioners who have expertise in these various fields and ask them to be on a committee.
- Budget time is nearing. February is the time to submit budget requests.

Pastor Report – Father Jay Wagner

- Fr. Jay will say Mass on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. Last year the Wednesday morning Mass at the hospital was packed so he thought maybe an evening Mass would be popular. He is going to try it this year and if

not many people come, then he won't do it again. Parish reconciliation for Advent is scheduled for December 14 at 7pm. He attended a Marriage Rite workshop last Friday to learn the new Marriage Rite.

Deacon's Report - Chris Colville

- Chris asked that everyone try to attend the Wednesday evening prayer. It is very well done and offers many different types of prayer. Chris went to a silent retreat recently and enjoyed it very much. He is going to go to a retreat every year.

IV. Review of Committee Reports

Art and Environment - Carolyn Brand

- Carolyn reported that Tom Kerns, the consultant on Sacred Spaces, will return a report soon. The committee hasn't met as they are waiting on the report.

Evangelization – Marilyn Alfaro

- Loraine reported that not much is different from the submitted report except the committee has decided to have Gotprint.com design and print post cards for the people on the New Movers List.

Stewardship

- Stewardship did not meet in October. No Report.

RE and Youth

- Maria reported that the only change from the submitted report is that the youth ski trip has been cancelled due to the high cost. The Diocesan Youth Conference is coming up and many of the youth are planning to go. A lock-in is

scheduled for January and LeRoy will do an announcement along with Youth handing out flyers after Mass to advertise the lock-in.

- Youth will be facilitating on November 30th evening prayer. Ellen ask to support them and attend the service.

Human Concerns

- No comments or questions.

V. Chair Report

- John K. has already turned in his article for the Good News.
- The Christmas gathering will be held December 15, please RSVP to Loraine, she emailed an invite this week.
- The committee that agreed to meet to look at the second Goal from the Plenary Session met two times. They began by looking at the Evangelization Survey that was completed 2 years ago. They want to bring 3 or more people onto the committee who represent different populations in the parish such as single parents, youth, divorced or widowed. Ellen asked the members to begin thinking about what feedback we want from parishioners.

VI. Old Business

- None

VII. New Business

- Carolyn advised council that Richmond Hill offers Taize Prayer on the first Monday evening of each Month. If anyone is interested in attending, a group from Redeemer attends each month. They had two car loads last time and everyone is welcome. It begins at 7:30pm

Closing Prayer

- Meeting concluded in prayer led by Carolyn Brand.