

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## MEETING INFORMATION

Date: April 26, 2017 – 19:00

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Mechanicsville, VA

## ATTENDANCE

### Pastoral Council Members

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

### Clergy

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

# MEETING MINUTES

## I. **Opening Prayer**

Maria Harris opened the meeting in prayer at 19:00.

## II. **Faith Formation – Chris Colville**

Deacon Colville read a reflection on the risen Christ and what that means for us as Catholic Christians. Council members shared their thoughts.

## III. **Reports**

### Finance Council Report

- Tom Grasberger from finance council presented the final budget for approval by Pastoral Council. The budget needs to be sent to the Diocesan Offices by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget numbers from the Diocese were lower than expected so the special envelope collections for the Youth Ministry do not need to take place.
- Pastoral Council came to a consensus that we will still go forward with a separate selection for the Youth Ministry Program on the e-giving site. Council asked Tom to continue with adding a selection for the Youth Ministry Program on the e-giving site.
- The budget includes the \$16,000 requested for architectural renderings.
- The new doors will be paid for from Living Our Mission dollars.
- The budget reflects a 2% increase in collections so we will need help from Stewardship Council to make that happen.

### Pastor Report

- The Diocesan Appeal is ongoing. Redeemer did exceed the goal and pledges continue to come in.
- The St. John Neumann Relic display is being planned. The Evangelization Committee is working on this.

#### Deacon Report – Deacon Chris Colville

- Deacon Chris has received a lot of questions about the doors. When will the doors be installed?
- Lorraine reported that at the staff meeting that occurred today, Regina gave a timeline of work on the doors and the door committee is looking at having the doors installed by the end of August or Labor Day Weekend.

#### **IV. Review of Committee Reports**

##### Art and Environment - Carolyn Brand

- Other than the PC report sent previously to the meeting, Carolyn reported that the committee will meet in May to review the contract from the architects.
- The committee work is on hold until July 1 when the new budget year will begin and the money will be available to pay for the renderings.

##### Evangelization – Lorraine Tracy

- Planning continues for the St. John Neumann Relic event in the fall.
- Maria Harris had a welcoming card and asked if we could use these at Redeemer. Lorraine stated we already had the cards in the commons, Maria asked if they could be put in the pews and could the Youth monitor them. Lorraine will review with staff.

##### Stewardship

- No questions or concerns from the report.

##### RE and Youth

- Maria reported that sacramental preparations are coming to a close and Sacramental Liturgies are soon.

- RAOFFY is this weekend.

### Human Concerns

- Carolyn thanked everyone for attending the Bon Fete. The ladies from Haiti had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting everyone. They left to return to Haiti today.

### Liturgy and Worship

- The audio speakers in the worship space are being looked at. One quote received was way too high in cost. A second quote is being worked on. This quote is coming from a company that councilman Brian Goulet is familiar with and recommended.

## **V. Vice Chair Report**

- Jane stated that nominations for Pastoral Council will be this weekend. Please talk to friends about running for PC. Personal invitation is always the best way to get people involved. We need to replace four people who will be rotating off of council this year. If we don't have enough people to run, Father Jay will make appointments. Either way, council members need to think about people that they know and reach out to them and invite them to join council.

## **VI. Chair Report**

- Good News article for June is Jackie Linklater.
- Prayer and refreshment for May is Marilyn Alfaro.
- PC reports are due May 16<sup>th</sup>
- PC is hosting the CARITAS meal on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Baked spaghetti will be picked up by Ellen at 5:30 pm from Franco's Restaurant. Carolyn and Marilyn will bring dessert. Deacon Chris, Donnie, Carolyn, Peggy and Jane will be there to help. Ellen will reach out to council members not present at the meeting.

- Ellen had received a positive note from the Pastoral Council suggestion box. It reads “Thank you for the time you give to making Redeemer our home”.

**VII. Old Business**

- None

**VIII. New Business**

- None

**IX. Closing Prayer**

- Meeting concluded in prayer led by Councilman Maria Harris.