

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: May 24, 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 - Present
- Maria Harris - Present
- Dave Hopper - Present
- John Kadukammakal – Absent
- Jackie Linklater - Present
- Jesse Lopez - Absent
- Jane Nucup – Present
- Brian Goulet – Present
- Loraine Tracy – Staff Liaison, Present

Clergy

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

MEETING MINUTES

I. **Opening Prayer**

Ellen Spain opened the meeting in prayer at 19:00.

II. **Faith Formation – Chris Colville**

Deacon Colville led us in faith formation reflection. He used the book entitled “The Four Agreements” by Don Miguel Ruiz. The four agreements are: Always do your best. Reflection and discussion focused on what do these mean to us as Christians? Does this agree with Christianity?

III. **Reports**

Finance Council Report

- Tom Grasberger was not in attendance.
- Finance Council sent a report in the form of the Finance Council minutes of their last meeting. No questions from Council members concerning the report.

Pastor Report

- Father Jay stated that his anniversary celebration was a surprise and very appreciated. He was overwhelmed by the amount of people who came and the amount of work that was put into it. He thanked everyone for their contributions.
- A columbarium meeting is scheduled for the end of the month. The director from the Diocesan Office of Cemeteries will meet with parishioners here at Redeemer to go over the next steps involved in putting in a columbarium.

Deacon Report – Deacon Chris Colville

- First Holy Communion and Confirmation were all very nice. Vacation Bible School is about to begin. All is going well.

IV. Review of Committee Reports

Art and Environment - Carolyn Brand

- The Committee met with Father Jay and Regina to go over the architect's contract. The next step is to sign and send the contract on to the architect.
- No meetings have been set until after July 1st. The contract can't be signed until then as that is when the funds will be available.

Evangelization – Loraine Tracy

- Loraine reported that no new business has occurred since the report to PC for this meeting.
- The Committee is working on advertising, logistics and other items pertaining to the visit of the Relics of St. John Neumann to Redeemer.

Feedback-Ellen Spain

- Ellen reported that the new parishioner survey went out to 30 new parishioners; the yellow commitment form survey will go out to a sampling of parishioners who turned in their yellow commitment forms on June 5th. Council surveys will be going out to those who will be rotating off a council at the end of June.

Stewardship

- No questions or concerns from the report.

RE and Youth

- RE registration is ready and online. Youth will be coming up next.

Human Concerns

- No questions or concerns from the report.

Liturgy and Worship

- Ellen reported that ACCENT really needs someone to chair the committee. Many workers and volunteers are already on the committee, they need a chair. Please think about someone and invite someone that you think would be good for the job.
- Carolyn Brand suggested that after the Universal Prayer, we could ask for Mary's Intercession in our lives and pray the Hail Mary at each Mass. Father Jay took the suggestion under advisement.

V. Vice Chair Report

- Jane gave a description of the nomination process for PC nominees. As of now, we don't think we need to ask parishioners to be willing to be appointed. We have at least 4 nominees who are willing to run for PC. They may be the only four then will be elected by acclamation.

VI. Chair Report

- Prayer and refreshment for June is Jackie Linklater.
- PC reports are due by June 22nd.
- Next PC meeting June 28th.

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. New Business

- Carolyn Brand asked if we could move the PC meetings to 7:30 and begin by going to the prayer service first. Discussion followed. Consensus was that if the evening prayer service was to be on the shorter side (20 minutes or less) then

we will begin with the prayer service. If it is to be a longer service (30-40 minutes) then we would not begin with the prayer service. For the meetings that would begin with the evening prayer service, we would dispense with opening prayer and formation.

IX. Closing Prayer

- Meeting concluded in prayer led by Councilman Marilyn Alfaro.