



## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 17, 2018

**Present:** Connie Benko, Tom Carter, Father Cocco, Pat Hearn, Deacon Pete Nellius, Susan Ondish, Rose Marie Patin, Deacon Jim Walls

Rose Marie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Deacon Jim offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** The fobs allowing electronic access to the Sacristy and the office are being installed, and the large screen television for the hall has arrived. Refurbishing the front steps to the church is in the early study stage, and Father is talking with Mike and Bill DelleDonne about various kitchen modifications.

The cover over the handicapped entrance is to be installed soon. An arborist has been consulted to assess the tree situation around the church. The Parish has achieved 86% of contributions to the Diocesan Appeal. The Parish will continue with the second collection to help defray costs.

Father attended the active shooter workshop, and he concluded that the best approach is to stay alert, and possibly locking the doors during Mass. From a safety standpoint, such as fires, the doors at the main church entrance should have crash bars to allow easy exit. A protocol would need to be developed for monitors at the doors during Masses. Further study is needed in this area.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Father Cocco complimented the work of the Finance Council, and there was a discussion about visits to donation recipients to assess and address their needs.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Father John Solomon has arrived and will serve as the Associate Pastor. Father Cocco has been acquainted with Father Solomon for a long time, and is very pleased to have him at St. Edmond Parish.

### **FOLLOW UP ITEMS:**

**Minister Appreciation:** Father Cocco has been in touch with St. Jude Parish regarding use of their Hall, which can accommodate an event of 400 people. There was a discussion about catering, etc., and Connie is planning to meet with St. Jude to inquire about their experience with their events.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

**LITURGY:** Connie submitted a comprehensive written report which included the liturgical calendar through August. Additional highlights included: Development of a regular schedule for healing Masses; Procedures for handling linens for Hall Masses; Father Cocco's plan to invite Father Solomon to conduct the Parish Fall Mission; The plan to settle the Christmas Concert date as either December 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY LIFE:** Susan reported that everything is in place for the Parish picnic at Grove Park on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She also met with King's Creek regarding use of their facilities for the 2019 picnic, and they have agreed to waive the rental fee. Donut Sundays went well this year, and the 2019 Italian dinner has been calendared for February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SALT AND LIGHT:** No report this month.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** No report this month.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE:** Father Cocco reported that there is some water seepage through the walls in the church crawl space, and that the cost of waterproofing is not commensurate with the minimal seepage that is occurring. The new heat pumps in the hall are not being handled properly, and some controls are going to be put in place.

**LRAC:** Pat reported on the vote to allow admission of non-Christian entities to LRAC. The vote was 23 to 14 against the initiative. There was a discussion regarding financial controls at the Thrift Shop, and Father Cocco insisted that they be implemented in order for the parish to remain a supporter. She also reported that the Food Bank is doing well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with the closing prayer offered by Father Cocco.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carter  
Secretary