



## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

April 17, 2019

Rose Marie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Father Cocco offered the opening prayer.

**Present:** Connie Benko, Tom Carter, Father Cocco, Marie Kopf, Susan Ondish, Rose Marie Patin, Pepper Tully, Bob Wolhar.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the February 2019 Council meeting were approved.

**PASTOR PRIORITIES:** Father Cocco reported that RFP's are out for proposals to rebuild the steps in front of the church. The installation of the large-screen TV in the hall has been completed and orientation on its use will be scheduled in the near future. The last Masses at Rehoboth Elementary school are scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, and there was a discussion regarding venues for additional Sunday Masses for the summer and beyond. Rehoboth city hall is not available, and the fire hall is too limited. The carpet in the nave of the church is wearing, and there was a discussion about options on replacing or repairing it. Father mentioned that an inspection of the church's foundation is needed. The subject of security came up, and Father has met with the State Police who do not feel that the church has a security problem. There was a follow up discussion about locking of doors, the possibility of a police presence during Masses, and push bars on the front church doors to allow easy exit when they are locked to outside entry.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** The Parish financial situation remains stable under the capable stewardship of the council's members.

**FOLLOW-UPS:** The new photo directory picture-taking is progressing, with 200+ parishioners having been photographed so far, and additional days added to accommodate those who have had difficulty in scheduling. A portion of the proceeds from photo orders is going to be donated to the parish by the photography company. Additionally, they will be providing directory updates

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## MINISTRY REPORTS

**FAMILY LIFE:** Susan reported that the details for the Parish picnic on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Kings Creek Country Club have been wrapped up. The event will be from 11:00 to 3:00 pm, and it will be necessary for those planning to attend to obtain tickets since the venue can accommodate a maximum of 150 people.

**LITURGY:** Connie confirmed that the Easter Mass schedule has been completed, and the summer schedule is presenting a challenge with the loss of Rehoboth Elementary school. She also reported that the Lenten series was well-attended and received.

**SALT AND LIGHT:** Bob reported that the Lenten food drive yielded nearly 10,000 donated items and nearly \$1,800 in cash donations. These items are being donated to Casa San Francisco, the Community Resource Center and the Cape Henlopen Food Basket. He also reported that that Jeff and Marinella Wintjen have offered to lead the Student Dinner program this year.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The last classes will be on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and first Communion arrangements have been completed, although confirmations will be at Mary Mother of Peace parish because of space limitations.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE:** See Pastor priorities.

**LRAC:** Pepper reported that St. Edmond parish was commended at the LRAC meeting for its contributions through the 40 cans/40 days program conducted by the Star of the Sea council of the Knights of Columbus.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm with the closing prayer offered by Father Cocco.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on May 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carter  
Secretary