

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGJANUARY 14,2020

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Greene, Chairperson

Elaine Brehm, Secretary

Joanne Boyko

Rudy Gomez

Ben Gutierrez

Jacqueline Hernandez

Adamaris Rubio Chavez-Incoming Hispanic Ministries Secretary

Cristal DeLeon-New Parish Secretary

Lou Hinds-reporting on church safety and signage, progress on leasing additional property for church parking, and maintenance of church drainfield.

Kathy Greene opened the meeting with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9,2019 MEETING

Motion to Approve: Joanne Boyko

Motion Seconded: Ben Gutierrez

LOU HINDS: Reporting on purchase of anti-gun decals: The total price to purchase 6 inside and 6 outside decals would be \$94.20. Discussion ensued as to when decals should be placed on church doors since there is an ongoing discussion taking place in the Virginia Legislature re the policy of allowing firearms in churches. As of now it is illegal to do so and the Diocese of Richmond is against guns being brought into churches. Joanne Boyko suggested we send a letter to the diocese asking for clarification and advice on this policy position. Also, we should call Kirk Hickman who is the Claims Risk Manager for the Catholic Mutual Group. After receiving this information the guidelines should be presented to the congregation and the decals can be placed at that time. Jennifer Langley suggested the experienced law enforcement and retired military personnel members of the congregation be trained to serve as safety monitors during church masses and functions. Lou also reported he and Henry Glowiak are following up on leasing land for additional church parking from T&W Block. He also reported that the church drainfield has regrown with bamboo. He advised the drainfield and the church's property lines along the proposed new parking area be surveyed. Also a mower would have to be rented to mow the drainfield after property lines have been identified. This would cost approximately \$280.00 for the rent and delivery of the mower. However, Ben Gutierrez offered to deliver the mower which would save delivery fees. The Pastoral Council agreed Lou should ask the Finance Council to approve paying for these projects.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES REPORT- Rudy Gomez reported the Hispanic Ministries held two fund raising events during the month of December, 2019. The Marian Ministry held a program at the church honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. A raffle at this event produced \$1520.00 which will go towards the Building Fund. Also their Speaker Ministry had an event on December 15,2019 which garnered \$900.00 from a cash raffle which also will go toward the Building Fund. The first Hispanic Ministries meeting of 2020 was held on January 10 where plans for the 2020 events were discussed. Adamaris Rubio Chavez was introduced as the new secretary for the Hispanic Ministries. The Mens' Emmaus Conference was held on January 9 at the Accomack Elementary School. The remaining Christmas decorations and lights around the church will be taken down within the week. There will be a

meeting on Sunday 20 January with the members of the four Hispanic Choirs to discuss plans for the Pentecost Feast. It will be decided whether to include a fund raiser at the feast.

Father Roger, who was unable to attend today's meeting asked Kathy Greene to inform us of the times when the February 26 Ash Wednesday masses are scheduled. There will be a 9:00 a.m in English and 7:00 p.m.in Spanish mass that day.

Kathy Greene has inquired about the status of the new hymn board which Kevin Daley is building. It is being worked on.

Lou Hinds will follow up on the repair to the faucet in the Ladies restroom which had been decided by the council at a previous meeting.

Joanne Boyko asked whether Father Roger had decided if the ministries would host the Lenten Friday evening Soup Suppers which would be held prior to the Stations of the Cross as had been done in previous years.

Joanne also reported that parishioner John Tyson brought up the idea of installing an ice machine (which would be donated and installed by the Tyson family). Concerns were voiced by the Council about the lack of an appropriate location, the machine standing idle between church events, and the increased cost of electricity. It was recommended John Tyson speak with Father Roger about this proposal.

Rudy Gomez addressed the previous proposal of the church purchasing security cameras. Joanne Boyko suggested speaking with Alarm Engineering to have them check the church and make their recommendations to the Pastoral Council.

Kathy Greene reminded us of the meeting Father Roger has proposed for the Heads of all the Church Ministries. Invitations will be sent for the scheduled Tuesday, February February 11 at 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and concluded with a prayer by Kathy Greene.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be: February 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes verified by Kathy Greene Kathy Greene, Chairperson