

Minutes of Pastoral council Meeting.....October 8, 2019

Attendees:

Kathy Green, Chairperson
Elaine Brehm, Secretary
Joanne Boyko
Henry Glowiak

Rudy Gomez
Jacqueline Hernandez
Ben Gutierrez
Father Roger

Approval of the minutes of September 10,2019 meeting:

Joanne Boyko: approved

Ben Gutierrez: seconded

Kathy Greene opened the meeting with a prayer

Garden of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Donars Recognition

Jacqueline Hernandez has ordered the bricks for Phase 1 and they should be delivered the end of October.

Rudy Gomez put mulch down and ordered four yards more which will be added at the time of blessing of the garden.

Drew Alvarez of Hortco donated some plants and Rudy purchased the rest to complete the planting. Father Roger has designated Sunday, November 17, 2019 as the date when the garden will be blessed. Since Bishop Knestout cannot attend on that date Father Roger will invite his Bishop from the Philippines to attend the blessing. Father Roger thanked the Hispanic group "United in Christ: for all the work they did in helping to complete the project of building the garden and fund raising projects. Encouragement of donations will continue. Father Roger will present a special certificate on October 27 to Lou Hinds thanking him for his seven years as Pastoral Council Chairman.

Hispanic Ministries Report

Rudy Gomez reported the success of the Hispanic Weekend Retreat which was held on September 21 and 22nd. A total of \$12,000 was raised. \$5,352 was collected from entrance fees , snacks sold, and a raffle. \$7,126 was raised from the sale of food. Also several other food sales which had been held beginning in December 2018 raised an additional amount of \$10,026,00. Expenses included the airline flight of the speaker and his travel expenses, the fee for use of Mary N.Smith School , and the purchase of food to be sold (although much food was donated). \$422.80 was raised selling off the remaining food. The total amount deposited in the bank for this event was \$19,494.04! Rudy and Father Roger thanked Irene Ambrocia who is the head of the Eucharistic Ministries for leading this amazing undertaking along with 12-13 other workers who made the retreat and fund-raising events so successful.

Rudy reported the Hispanic Ministries still planned on having a Yard Sale sometime this Fall.

Kathy Greene reported the Defibrillator Case has been received. Father Roger will decide where it will be located.

Ben Gutierrez recommended pictures of all Ministries be taken. Discussion followed with Joanne Boyko suggesting that a directory of the Ministries be created.

Kathy Greene suggested posting a picture of the member of the Pastoral Council so parishioners would know who to approach with their concerns. Father Roger agreed to having the pictures taken by Lou Hinds for an in-house creation of the directory.

Ben suggested having a Christmas Dinner for the heads, co-heads and their guests of all the ministries and Rudy Gomez agreed along with the other council members. A date of Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. was chosen and Jacqueline will send invitations to the Finance Council members also.

Father Roger expressed his disappointment with the company who had taken pictures for this year's church directory. He also asked that all ministries be included on St. Peter's website as soon as possible. He also decided there would be a meeting of all ministries twice yearly with the first one scheduled for February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and the second one on a date to be decided in September of 2020.

Father Roger stated the Pastor has two options for adding members to the Pastoral Council, either by elections or appointment. He will not pursue additional members at this time.

Henry Glowiak reported he had talked with Genivieve Walker about St. Peter's acquiring approximately one acre of adjoining land from T&W Block. Genivieve said she would consider a long term lease and would make a final decision when she received a written proposal from St. Peter's Church. Joanne suggested Father Roger and Lou Hinds accompany Henry to the next meeting with Ms. Walker.

Kathy Greene asked Jennifer Langley when the CPR and AED classes to teach the use of the Defibrillator could be offered. No responses from the Bloxom Fire Department had been received. It was suggested approaching the Eastern Shore Community College or Rural Health to provide an instructor for the training sessions.

Kevin Daley has taken the measurements for the second hymn board for the church.

Father Roger will meet with representatives of the Ladies Auxiliary to make suggestions as to what he needs in the Rectory.

A discussion ensued about allowing Therapy Dogs in church and what was the policy for mothers breast-feeding during mass. Father said breast feeding should be done in a discreet way. A discussion followed about correcting the issues that had been identified in the Safety Inspection. It is urgent that a handrail be installed in the Rectory. One will be ordered from Onancock Building Supply. The First Aid Kit in the office will be checked and one should be installed in the church kitchen. Rudy and Ben will repair a hole in the kitchen ceiling and put covers on light fixtures that need them.

A mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 1, All Saints Day, which is Holy Day of Obligation.

Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

The Rosary will be said 20 minutes before mass during the month of October . A Living Rosary will be said outside the front of the church on October 27.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting: November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes verified by  Kathy Greene, Chairperson . Parish Council