

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
10/10/18

Attendees:

Father Roger
Lou Hinds (Chairperson)
Kathy Greene (Co-Chair)
Consuelo Gonzalez
Rudy Gomez
Christine Waldenmaier

Lou Hinds opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of the minutes – Kathy Greene moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Rudy Gomez seconded the motion. The corrected minutes will be sent to Lou Hinds to sign off and then post.

Appointment of New Pastoral Council Members – Lou Hinds

Lou proposed that we announce that we will accept nominations for new members of the Parish Council next weekend. The following weekend we will hand out nomination forms to be collected during the offertory at the next Mass. We will have blanks for 4 nominations on each form. Fr. Rogers suggested that we should announce the present number of council members, the number of council members stepping down (3) and that we will need 4 new members. This will be done at all three Masses. After we receive the nominations, people will be asked to serve.

Church Bingo – Lou Hinds

Lou recommended that we put off starting Bingo until January 2019. Lou said that we need more time because we still have too many outstanding questions. Consuelo Gonzalez said that the State wants a Profit and Loss Statement. We are an exempt organization and we may just need an Income and Expenditure balance sheet. Consuelo has contacted Richmond for more P&L Statement information.

Kitchen Renovation – Kathy Greene

The sink arrived today – it consists of 3 sinks, 18x18x14 inches each. The total price was \$850.00. The sheet rock is still being finished. Fr. Roger asked Consuelo to schedule a cleaning by Mike Brady after the painting is completed. Lou Hinds asked if we could put a wash sink in the closet? Kathy stated that Ben Gutierrez had been asked this, but said that we need the space for storage in the closet. Kathy added that currently we have everything stored in there. Lou asked if we are venting the stove? Kathy said that Ben and Kevin Daley had discussed this, but she did not know what was decided.

Consuelo Gonzalez told the council that the alarm pad in the kitchen has been temporarily disarmed and that Fr. Roger or Consuelo must arm or disarm the alarm from their phones at this time.

Parish Yard Sale – Rudy Gomez

This event is planned for Nov. 3rd. They are still collecting items to sell. Lou Hinds said that we can sell the donated boat. Rudy asked that we announce at all Masses that we need vendors and donations. Tables will be rented for \$10.00. The food donations are all set up and organized.

Donation of Sailboat – Lou Hinds

The Finance Council has decided to have the sailboat cleaned up. Santos Robles has said that they would do the cleanup. The sales price may be \$4-5,000.00. Dry dock storage has been paid through December. Hopefully we can sell it before then.

Church Safety – Lou Hinds

We had 79 people attend the Active Shooter Training after the 10:00 Mass and 110 people attend at 1:00 pm. We need to send a Thank You card to the Sheriffs Dept.

The Diocese says that we can hire local police if needed. Rudy Gomez suggested that we might ask the Town of Onley Police to drive through the parking lot at the time of the Masses.

Lou suggested that we have a safe environment committee of 5-6 people. They would need to develop a Church security plan. It would include child safety, fire safety, parish safety, AEDs, etc. Lou commented that Brian Langley had taken down names of interested parishioners after the Active Shooter Training event. Fr. Roger says that we have a green binder in the usher's closet that has emergency phone nos.

Lou Hinds stated that we need to revisit parish safety with the ushers. We need an active patrol of the parking lot and an usher checking the doors. Fr. Roger has had an usher training meeting recently and more meetings are planned. Lou Hinds commented that for 3 years we have been in flux building the new church and now is the time to establish some good habits.

Fall Cleanup – Lou Hinds and Rudy Gomez

Consuelo mentioned that we generally do the Fall Cleanup while we hang up the Christmas lights. Fr. Rogers suggested that we do this right after Thanksgiving and do another cleanup on Dec. 15, the day before Simbang Gabi. After some discussion the council decided to do the Fall Cleanup and hang the Christmas lights on Dec 1, the day before the first Posada.

Parking Lot - Lou Hinds and Rudy Gomez

Lou suggested that we bring in more stone to fill in the holes. A parishioner is willing to bring

his tractor to spread the stone. Consuelo asked who would pay for this stone. Fr. Roger said that this would be a cost under the renovation expenses. Rudy asked about placing more parking bumpers. Rudy suggested that we put one line of bumpers down the middle of the parking lot for now. Lou Hinds suggested that we buy 6x6s and peg them in. Fr. Rogers asked how many we might need to make this safe. He wants to present this to the Finance Council. Lou and Rudy decided to get more information and to plan a Saturday morning to place the bumpers.

Church Highway Signs – Lou Hinds showed the Council the patch that will go under the current sign with the new Mass times. He said that the wooden posts would be replaced, and the sign cleaned.

Hispanic Ministries – Rudy Gomez

The Saulo Hidalgo retreat will be at Metompkin Elementary on Oct 13,14 from 9:00-5:00. The 11:30 am Mass on Sunday will be moved to 4:00 pm.

Cash raffle drawing will take place on October 21st after the 11:30 am Mass.

The Posadas this year will be on Dec. 2, 9, 15 and 23 at 7:00 pm. On the weekend of Simbang Gabi it will be on Saturday.

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on Dec 12th with an early morning procession that starts at 4:00 am. Lou Hinds asked if we should request that a local newspaper do a story of the Lady of Guadalupe procession. Fr. Roger mentioned that more Anglo parishioners have been joining the procession. Kathy Green suggested that we might want to suggest this story for Ted Shockley's monthly magazine. Lou Hinds said that he would reach out to the other newspapers. Fr. Roger asked that we put into the Bulletin that Mass on Dec. 12th would be at 9:00 am in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish. Fr. Roger also asked if he could oversee the decorations this year. Consuelo commented that the decorating would occur the night before. Rudy said that he would bring that up at the December meeting.

Other Items – Fr. Roger

Listening Session – This Friday at Star of the Sea in Virginia Beach. Every parish is encouraged to send council members. Members attending from St. Peters will be Fr. Roger, Lou Hinds, Consuelo Gonzalez, Shirley Hirsch and Santos Robles. They will be leaving at 2:30 pm on Friday Oct 13.

Daily services – From Oct 15-18th Fr. Roger will be at the convocation in Staunton, Virginia. Next week we will start having Communion services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday when Fr. Roger is away. We no longer need to announce if Fr. Roger is away. The Communion services will be led by Charlie Schmidt, Tom Famulare and Lou Hinds as backup.

Religious Education – Christine Waldenmaier asked Fr. Roger for help with Religious

Education. We have an immediate need for more teachers. They will need to have had Virtus training.

Church Security - Fr. Roger thanked Lou Hinds for the Active Shooters Initiative. He announced that for the next two Sundays it will be announced in the Bulletin that all doors will be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. Ushers will be trained on how to lock the doors. If a parishioner arrives late, they just need to come to the main entrance doors and knock to be let in.

Fr. Roger thanked Kathy Greene and the Ladies Auxiliary for the kitchen renovations.

Fr. Roger ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be November 14 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes verified by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lou Hinds". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lou Hinds (Chairman, Parish Council)