

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

Present: Fr. Sal, Deacon Barry, Dave Wilmesher, Nick Burakow, Ed Holzhauer, Jim Colby, Loretta Lavanco, Preston Thornton, Carol Traen

Also Present: Joe Day

Opening Prayer: Nick Burakow offered a reading, Hebrews 12: 1 + 2, a discussion on the reading, an opening and closing prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved. 1st Carol Traen, 2nd Preston Thornton

Old Business:

1. Volunteer Breakfast. Loretta will do the shopping. Time 8:30 - 11 AM
Volunteers will arrive at 7:30. This time worked well for a majority of the people. The date is **Feb 25, 2017** in order for Fr. Sal to return from Phillipines. We will ask JoAnn to again get the egg mixture and if she will do the bacon.

2. Haiti – We do not have a lot of accountability for the money, such as who else is providing funds. Where are our funds going. We have better accountability than we used to have.

Ed thought if there are CPAs in Haiti, we should have them give us an audit. They will not "self report". Our current relationship is with the Silesian Sisters as opposed to a single owner. They have a Mother House in the area.

It was asked if our Diocese is involved with the accountability in the Haiti twinning's. Apparently it is an issue with getting accurate information from the twins in Haiti. We would like to know at least if we are the only ones supporting our twin. And is our money going where we are told.

We are aware that all the monies sent to Haiti rarely go to the people.

Dave will have a conversation with Bob Flynn to get some answers. Bob is giving a Ministry minute. He was to provide a summary. We need to assure our parish that their contributions are going where they want them to go. The next Pot Luck will focus on Haiti. Barry said the committee does have a feedback report.

3. Property to the south of us. Dave passed out plots of the land available. 2 pieces of property we are interested in. Lots 4, 5, 8 225, 000 (11 acres) 1st Bank and Trust. Lot # 1 they want \$500,000 American National. It is a prime lot on 122. It has possible future connection to church property.

Perhaps we could buy lot 4. Most feel it is essential for our safety to have a 2nd entrance. The existing road there means we do not have to make turning lanes on 122.

We have drawings already prepared. Lot 3 has the power lines going through it.

We have funds that we could re allocate. We pay the police \$10,000 a year. 3 hours a day. We did have conversation with American National. They did not want to disrupt a potential sale. Dave will pursue further conversation with the banks.

4. SML 50 Anniversary. Carol reported on the success of it. We had a conflict with the mission here. Not many from RCC attended. 7 pastors participated. Deacon Barry represented us. It was held at Parkway Marina and many asked could we do this annually. There were 18 boats. Approximately 300 to 350 people attended. Carol and Loretta represented RCC on the committee. There was a discussion as to which ministry should handle this sort of thing. We do have an Ecumenical Ministry.

New Business:

- 1. Capital Improvement Update:** Jim Colby attended a meeting with the Capital Improvement Committee. He handed out notes he took. They had not met since March. There were many who attended. It was a large group but he thought it functioned very well. Some participated for so many years they had a really good knowledge of our church. They set up sub committees to address the different topics because there was not anything that was an immediate need. The HVAC, the Roof, the Worship area etc.

We are in year 2 of a 5 year campaign for the diocese. Because of that, We are not yet able to raise funds.

There was a discussion re: parking lot cracks, as to whether they should put a top seal, which is only esthetic and could be counter to the longevity of the life of the lot or filling the cracks seemed more valuable.

They wanted to make more office space to bring Melissa's office upstairs. It is a safety concern.

Dave added, the 25 people in the committee for the Capital Needs Campaign prepared a "Prioritization" List. He shared that with us.

- 2. Parish Ministries:** Dave handed out a list. Reason being the Ministry Fare. Are there some ministries that can be combined? We have only so many people and a lot of needs. It will be on our next agenda. Some ministries are directed and some are formed by those who see a need.

Barry is meeting with committees and seeing if they can be combined. Please look over and make recommendations. He quoted a bishop who said, "there is nothing that takes place in a parish that is NOT Evangelization."

Fr. Sal recommends the Evangelization team should do the Ministry Fare.

- 3. Fr. Sal described Deacon Barry as the leader of the orchestra. He is in the process of getting to know the different ministries. Some may need a different coordinator. Justice and Peace is now known as "Social Ministries" Barry is trying to organize the information provided to be in one place. Fr Sal said to look for something the parish may need that we are not doing.**

Once again, Fr Sal invites us to speak to him at any time.

Announcements -- The next meeting will be on November. 30 at 1:30 PM. The opening prayer, closing prayer and faith sharing will be provided by Preston Thornton.

Respectively submitted,

Loretta Lavanco