

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March, 15, 2017

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

Also Present: Joe Day

Excused: Ken Gerber

Guests: Bill Burke, Bob Flynn, George Moonan

Opening Prayer: Deacon Barry offered an opening prayer, a reading, faith sharing and opening prayer.

The previous Minutes were approved and seconded.

Old Business:

- 1. Entrance / Exit Update - Finalize:** Jim distributed a discussion paper in which he proposed sending a letter of intent (LOI) to the owner (First Bank & Trust Company) expressing interest in purchasing the available 15.85 acre parcel containing an established access to VA route 122 at a price of \$185,000. The paper also explained that, according to Bedford County records and verified in email communication with county officials, no lots exist on this parcel and it can only be purchased in toto at this time. . Bob passed out a result of his meetings on cost of constructing a driveway. He met with David Bays and Patterson Bros for excavating and paving. He looked at lots 3 and 4. (According to his drawing) Lot 3 is steeper and construction would cost \$50,000 Approximately 50 loads of dirt required would come from our own property. Lot 4 would require a sharper turn and construction would cost \$65,000. the cut of road would be 30 feet. Roads would be 24' of pavement 3' either side. Specs would be 8" of stone and 2" of pavement. This is typical of subdivision roads. The bank owning the property said we should select which lots we would like to have and make an offer. Each of the two lots discussed would be self contained. We already have V Dot approval of the existing access road. Bob recommends lot 4. It is more scenic and easier to maintain. Also has a longer run way with less back up in to Resurrection's existing parking lot. Jim's proposal is to submit a non-binding letter of intent to purchase all lots that are for sale by the bank (Lots 1 - 5). The bank is willing to entertain an offer. There are no comps available. Bill Burke spoke on the background of our existing property. We currently have 235 parking places. Over time, we will need more parking space. The church will eventually need more space for the cemetery. Bill thinks if someone gets hurt trying to exit the church, the price of the property is irrelevant. In the Cemetery we have 40 plots left in current cleared space. There are no other local Catholic cemeteries except in Roanoke. There is Francis of Assisi and Holy Name of Mary who want to use our cemetery. 60 plots at RCC already belong to people from Bedford. Fr. Sal is not against purchase of several or all of the available lots but would like the finance council to see what we are capable of in light of our financial priorities. Bob talked about the people who years ago, purchased property without knowing what would come. He thinks we should anticipate the future RCC needs even if we do not know what the future will be. Joe suggested we contact the Real Estate division of the diocese. The council will send information to Deacon Paul.
- 2. CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish)** Deacon Barry has had a call from Dynamic Catholic and asked for the council's views on starting up the CHRP program at Resurrection. Before we commit to this he is concerned about there being sufficient participation to maintain this program. We would start with 3 males and 3 females. The retreat would be 15 men and 15 women. For early 2018 we would need to start training by summer. He questioned whether we could actually get that many people involved to keep the program going. It was asked how will we determine participation? There is a promotion program available. OLN has done weekend with less than the recommended 15. A team of at least 8 - 10 is needed to execute the entire weekend retreat. The team would give witness talks, lunch, mass,

reconciliation. Barry is representing the Evangelization team in presenting this to the council. Similar to Cursillo and Marriage Encounter, this program is to renew our Parish. It would be beneficial to stay together as a group for the entire retreat weekend. Perhaps the 4-H center could be used as the retreat site. This program has been going on for many decades in some form. CHRP is a pilot program which will take place in many parishes at the same time. It would be seeded by those who have already been through the program. We agreed to give it a try.

3. **A) Master Plan:** Fr. Sal has signed a contract with an architect to do the drawings for the proposed altar renovation. Involved will be Nick, Joe, George, Bob Flynn. An Architect will be here next Friday.

B) Downsizing the council from 9 to 6. This year, Carol and Ken will be leaving. Fr. Sal will appoint another female to be on the council. Hopefully a younger person. So there will not be a discernment this year. Think about someone to recommend to Fr. Sal. This year we will go from 9 - 7 members. By next year we will be reduced to 6 members.

4. **Volunteer Breakfast** - 106 attended and was enjoyed by all. Great job by committee and Fr. Sal. Gail Urban said she never saw the kitchen so clean. She wished more would leave it the way we did. We owe that to Nick and Dave. Fr. Sal suggested that next year the food not be served down the center. Tables could be set on the dance floor so entertainment would be facing people and entertainers would not be disrupted as attendees go through the food line. Serving table could be against the wall.

New Business:

1. **Parish Mission Statement** -- Fr. Sal asked us to review our Mission statement for any changes we might think should be made. Then the By-Laws should be reviewed. Some of the rules are no longer applicable. Please review before next meeting. Carol Traen and Ed Holzhauer will meet to discuss.
2. **Use of Facilities and Storage Space.** Recently we have found we have to rent space to store our own things. There are at least 2 outside groups who store things at RCC and perhaps we could change that. Dave feels we should not have to rent space when we have it available. Nick, Joe and Dave will review the current rules and procedures governing use of RCC facilities by outside groups and report back to the council with recommendations .

Fr. Sal - Thank you to Jim and everyone for all the work put into the planning and research for the possible property purchase.

RCC has a reputation of being a welcoming parish. He has been to wonderful churches, they were not welcoming. He felt as if he did not exist. But here we are alive, always vibrant. Even the noise before mass is joyful.

He has done a lot of funerals and last rights. We are at the back nine of life and thereby have different spiritual needs. Does our constitution reflect who we are and where we are going?

He is glad Deacon Barry is still standing and thriving after almost a year here. Fr. Sal is very pleased with the warm reception he and Deacon Barry have received.

If members of the council receive feedback from any members of the congregation, he would welcome hearing it.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Barry

Announcements -- The April meeting will be on April 19, at 1:30 PM. The opening prayer, closing prayer and faith sharing will be provided by Jim Colby.

The Parish Council will meet with the Finance council on Wednesday March 22.

Respectively submitted,

Loretta Lavanco