

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017

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

Also Present: Joe Day

Excused: Fr. Sal, Ken Gerber

Guests: George Moonan, Mark Vancho, Bill Burke

Opening Prayer: Jim Colby offered an opening prayer.

The previous Minutes were approved and seconded.

Old Business:

1. Budget: Joe and George Moonan

Joe distributed the budget for review. He stated the projections are for 2% above where we expect to arrive. In actual terms, it will go to 5.5% below. This is a best guess at this point.

Our spending YTD shows we are short. The budget shows we are \$14,000 short. \$5,402 is the actual short fall. Most committees spend less than they budget for.

George explained we have a plan for incoming and outgoing monies. This year we will not earn as much as we spend. The Seasonal factor is built in to the budget. Currently we are working on a 5% below budget.

Joe referred to the joint meeting between the Parish Council and the Finance council, which resulted in 2 work sessions for Finance Council. Nick had provided notes from the joint session which found their way into the new budget. They came up with a more realistic budget for Joyous Junque. Used \$100,000 for JJ. With \$15,000 in operating expense. They think the expense will be higher. We receive 30% of their profit. 70% Junkers retain for charities of their choice. The council had made a determination that the amount we retained is equivalent to what we give to Outreach, which they give away to charities. Formally we paid Outreach out of offertory contributions. A conscious decision was made to have the monies go directly to Outreach making those monies no longer subject to have a tax. Cathedraticum (Diocesan tax) currently is 9 and 10 percent plus 1.35% for Catholic Virginian based on the parish income. It was recommended that Outreach and Joyous Junque needs to coordinate the Charities that we give to. Dave suggested that at our September meeting, we invite Joyous Junque and Outreach to discuss coordinating funds and charities. There should be a discussion between fund raisers for the purpose of balancing monies given to charities. This could result in one larger check as opposed to several smaller checks.

Joe reviewed the budget for the coming year, including the Cathedraticum paid to Diocese, our Haiti expense, etc.

Dave also suggested forming a group for investing the parish monies. He mentioned a few names in the parish that are already financial planners. We could find out if there is a way to raise monies for the parish through investments that are secure.

2. Adjacent Property: Fr. Sal announced at Finance Council he was not interested in purchasing the property at this time. Mark stated he was concerned with someone being killed going in and out of the driveway. The Police are not always there. Cars come speeding down the road and especially visitors in the summer who are not aware there is a church service and the amount of people coming out of that driveway. Jim had worked hard to prepare all the information. He had hoped we would at least try to make a deal with the bank. Others stressed the danger of the traffic and thought there could be a day we would regret not doing something to protect parishioners. There are some parishioners strongly against purchasing the property. The question was asked if someone could purchase the property and donate it to the church.

2. **Right to Life Banner:** A letter was sent to Barry asking to put up a Permanent Banner for Right to Life. Suggestions were made to have it up at times when no other banner was present. Not a permanent one. Then everyone would want to have banners up. Banners in the road "right of way" would be taken down. Recommendation is to put it up when there is no other banner in our permanent location. Arts and Environment committee determines which sign goes there.
3. **Mass Times:** Nick noted we are not able to have a morning mass on Sunday. People do not want to come off the lake in the summer. Including visitors. Could we have summer hours that would move the mass time during the summer, Memorial Day to Labor Day? We could move the mass time to 5PM. All agreed it might even help with attendance on Sundays. We will have to send an email blast, place in bulletin, announce from altar and web page. Change the time in our newspaper ad and place # 5 on our outside sign. All agreed it was a good idea.
- 4 **Potential Renovations:** Upgrade to Altar. Nick reported the Arts and Environment Committee along with the Worship committee, hoped to get at least the Altar done. Fr. Sal agreed to let them see what they would want to do and how much it would cost. A & E hired an architect to design what we would like to do. Linda spoke to Fr. Rob to discuss if we could do the renovations in stages. He said, absolutely not. We would have to do the whole thing and we would have to have kneelers. He said we could have another campaign while our LOM campaign is ongoing but it would have to be administered by Richmond. The money would be taxed and if the LOM monies were not met, they would take it from the new campaign. We will have to start promoting the new design and try to generate some enthusiasm from the parish.

New Business:

1. **Parish Mission Statement --** Postpone
2. **Use of Facilities and Storage Space.** Postpone Discussions
3. **PPC Retreat -** Will be held in August. Fr. Sal will not want to lead it. Dave will review dates. Barry has someone in mind to lead it. Abingdon Jubilee House was suggested but we would have to stay overnight. Another suggestion was the Claytor Nature Center in Bedford. Barry and Dave will discuss and get back to us. Look at Aug 13, because Barry will be getting his boys back to school. Facilitator: TBD. Location: TBD. Date: TBD.
4. **Miscellaneous:** Barry is going on vacation. Next week, Mon through Sunday, May 22nd – 28th and again the 2nd week of June. June 12 - 18th. June 26th – 30th will be his mandatory retreat. Barry will play June 19th in Holy Strokes.

Dave announced this is Carol's last meeting. He thanked her for her service to the Parish council and our parish in general. Carol was gracious in saying she would miss being a part of this group. She will be missed.

Closing Prayer: Jim Colby

Announcements --

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Lavanco