

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 12,, 2017

**Present :** Fr. Sal, Deacon Barry, Chair: Dave Wilmesher, Nick Burakow, Laura Cox, Jessica DeTournillon, Ed Holzhauer, Loretta Lavanco, Preston Thornton, Zachery Key

**Also Present:** Joe Day

**Excused:**

**Guests:** Mark Vancho, Dick Leach, Adel & Bob Della-Valle Rauth, Sue and Don Jacob

**Opening Prayer:** Dave Wilmesher offered an opening prayer.

The previous Minutes were approved and seconded.

## Old Business:

### 1. The Renovation of the Sanctuary

Nick is Chair of the committee. He started by saying the committee's objective:

1. Enhance RCC as a place to worship and glorify God
2. Enhance RCC as a place to celebrate the Eucharist
3. Enhance as a community center to build our Catholic identity

There is not a formal obligation to the diocese while we are trying to identify and conceptualize the design. We are currently focusing on the altar. He outlined the steps needed to discern all the needs of the building in order to get a cost estimate. Then we need authorization from the diocese. At that time they will meet with the finance committee to determine how to raise the necessary funds. There are 7 phases to go through. Once a design is done they need to go to BARC (diocese) for approval. We can spend under \$25,000 without approval. Nick felt he had approximately 80% approval from those he spoke to. The Evangelization Committee was 100 % approval. He thought there was general approval from the Wednesday Women's group.

It was suggested we have email notification going forward. Not everyone gets the bulletin. It was asked if there could be a town meeting. Fr. Sal thought a survey would be preferable. Every parishioner should have a copy in order to let us know their opinions. Fr. Sal spoke of the GIRM. (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal) Kneeling is the general practice with exceptions. The bishop has the final say in anything being done. It was felt the communication should be with the whole parish and more than just the committee giving a Ministry minute.

It was mentioned there would be a new bishop and some of the existing rules could change. Nothing can be done for 2 years due to the Living Your Mission campaign. We are in the early stages and nothing is in stone at this point.

## New Business:

- 1 **Pastoral Council Constitution:** Ed and Carol reviewed the By Laws and Constitution. He gave us a hand out with their comments. They feel the parish Mission Statement should be changed. He thought it should be abbreviated. The Constitution says we should follow the Call to Serve. Council members should wear their name badges and meet and greet parishioners as they arrive. Several notes were made and he would like us to review and discuss at the next meeting. Ed reviewed some of their comments. We will have it on our next agenda for discussion.
2. **Parish Ministries.** Fr. Sal had asked Deacon Barry to get to know the ministries. Attend their meetings as able and observe. He has done this and the grouping of ministries seem to work well together. Such as the Worship Committee. It is composed of members of the other ministries. They meet every month. Some ministries do not work together. He would like to group the other ministries to improve communication. Several ministries grew on their own. He thinks the organization of these groups will improve the functions of our church.

3. **Holy Week / Thomas More Center:** Deacon Barry wanted to know about the history of their coming here and their function. He spoke with the team when they were here last year. He got feedback from some parishioners. Some would like alternatives for renewals / retreats. They will be coming here this year. They have done this for years and have relationships with a lot of parishioners. They are loved by the parish. The worship committee is responsible for the Holy Week services. It was suggested they might want to discuss this with them when they are here.
- 5 **We need a representative** from the council to serve on the Capital Improvement committee. Dave will get one.
4. **Volunteer Breakfast:** We need to set a date. Fr. Sal's mom is 102 years old. We cannot count on his being here. The date was set for Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. 2018. All are needed to attend and bring the help of their spouses and /or family member. It was noted that Gail was very happy with our cleaning of the kitchen last year. Members should arrive at 7:30 AM. Parishioners come from 8:30 – 11 AM. Loretta needs someone to help with the shopping the week before the Breakfast.
5. **Pastoral Council:** From now on, members will be making the announcements before mass. Dave will make a schedule. If you are not able to make the time appointed, call someone else to fill in. This is the way the EM's, and Lectors work. Zack would like to have his time on Sunday.
6. We will set a date for the council's social at next meeting.
7. Nominations and Discerning members for next council will be discussed at next meeting.

**Closing Prayer:** Dave Wilmesher

**Announcements** – Loretta will say the prayer at the next meeting.  
Laura will be taking over as Secretary.  
Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Loretta Lavanco**