



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Father Peter Grace, CP
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Members Present: Father Peter Grace, Gene Boumenot, Martin Dramou, Joseph Forthofer, Joyce-Lorraine Lisi, Juana Luna, Louise Lupo, Marie Mays, Terry McMurray, Connie Moreno, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Andrea Ramirez, Victor Sanchez

Members Excused: Mike Ellison and Misael Jaramillo

Members Absent: Megan Flockart and Stephanie Morales

Opening Prayer: Father Peter led us in the opening prayer.

Guest: Carol Heavey

Approval of Minutes: Victor made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Youth Report: Andrea Ramirez

- The youth participated in a play about the Nativity Story which was appropriate for children
- They had posadas in which everyone brings food.
- The youth participated in the Christmas concert sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Joseph Forthofer

- The Youth Group had a Christmas party on December 15th.
- We will probably be changing our meeting day to Thursday evening, instead of Wednesdays because it would work for more people.
- We will be having a Mardi Gras party the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. It will be for both youth groups, but mostly the English speaking. They need to get the word out.

Guest: Carol Heavey

- I know that I am not going to get any answers right now.
- When clinic was proposed years ago, it was supposed to be for uninsured or underinsured. The clinic that we now have charges a fee. Do they pay rent? Are there 3 or 4 rooms in the back where the clinic is located? We desperately need storage, and the clinic is taking up space that could be used for storage.
- Parking before and after 11:00 Mass on Sundays is horrendous. People leave when they come here and can't park.
- All we hear about is money, money, money. We have lost many parishioners. Many are going to cut their contributions or stop giving at all.



Finance Report: Dean Penny

General Financial Update

- Due to timing of this meeting, I have not yet had a chance to review December financial data. As such, this report is based on data thru November – thus 5 months of the fiscal year.
- Offertory is tracking very close, but slightly ahead of last year. Thru November, Total Offertory = \$335,000 as compared to \$331,000 last year.
- Total Revenues Year to Date = \$585,000 compared to \$532,000 last year.
- Total Operating Expenses Year to Date = \$499,000, compared to \$540,000 this time last year. As such, you can see we have been successful in reducing operating expenses by approximately 10% year to date.
- Second Monthly Mortgage Collection – Year to date = \$41,500. The principal payments of our mortgage during this same timeframe = \$52,500. Therefore, those collections have fallen \$11,000 behind the actual costs, requiring the difference to come from our offertory or other fundraising efforts.

Rectory

- Total Budget / Projected Costs = \$425,000
- Fundraising Goal = \$150,000
- To Date Funds Received

Cash / commitments received to date =	\$109,000
Donations of time / materials approx. =	\$ 35,000
Total toward goal =	\$144,000
Costs	
Original Budget =	\$ 425,000
Current Costs to Date	\$ 205,000
Projected Costs to Complete	\$ 185,000
Total Projected Costs	\$ 390,000 -
	\$35,000 under original budget
- The rectory should be complete by the end of February.

Bingo

- Martey and Suzanne Miller volunteered to research possibility of conducting Bingo games on our campus.
- The State law has numerous requirements, which we were able to review and clarify.
- The Finance Council, after significant discussion, recommended that we do **NOT** conduct Bingo games on our campus at this time. The reasons for this recommendation include the following
 - Concerns related to public perception of our Social Hall being a gambling center.
 - Concerns related to the on-going sustainability of volunteers required to conduct on-going Bingo games
 - Concerns related to no room available for storage of Bingo materials, etc.

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- Concerns related to risk associated with up-front costs to get started.
- Concerns related to conflicts created with other on-going activities on campus – including parking, child safety, non-parishioner visitors mixed with parishioner functions.
- Concerns related to “preying” on the poorer in the community, and then supporting those same families through the Food Pantry and EFAM ministries
- Concerns related to risks associated for safety when bringing non-parishioners to the campus.

Considering all of these concerns, among others, the FC recommended against Bingo for now.

Staffing Update: Father Peter Grace

- Father Peter has formed a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council to review the job descriptions of the staff. They are: Father Peter Grace, Joyce-Lorraine Lisi, Louise Lupo, Terry McMurray and Connie Moreno.

Nominating Committee: Louise Lupo

- Louise asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee consists of: Joyce-Lorraine Lisi, Louise Lupo, Connie Moreno and Gene Boumenot as alternate.

Comments: Kevin wanted to know if we were renting the Parish Center for a fee, and Dean said when it is available which is not too often.

Joyce commented about issues with the music at the 4:00 Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Dean suggested that she speak with Alan.

There were questions about how to get the certificates for those who took the Safe Environment Training and have not received their certificates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce-Lorraine Lisi

These minutes were approved as read on February 13, 2019.