



**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Father Peter Grace, CP**  
**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Members Present:** Father Peter Grace, Joyce-Lorraine Lisi, Connie Moreno, Terry McMurray, Susan Warren, Ian Swank, Andrea Ramirez, Marie Mays, Pam Stitch, Mike Ellison, Kayla McCaffrey, Victor Sanchez, Father Rafael Leon, Gene Boumenot

**Excused:** Misael Jaramillo, Louise Lupo, Martin Dramou, Stephanie Morales

**Guests:** Laura Olmedo

**Opening Prayer:** Joyce-Lorraine Lisi called the meeting to order with the opening prayer by Terry McMurray at 7:03 PM.

**Approval Of Minutes:** Connie Moreno made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was seconded by Terry McMurray. Motion passed.

**Youth Report:** by Kayla McCaffrey (5 Minutes)

- Met with Father Peter and Patrick Ginty to plan ideas for the youth group for the remaining school year.
- We are looking for a main youth minister and two assistants for next year. More people will help distribute responsibilities.
- Youth group will now meet once a month regularly again, immediately following the Saturday night Mass.
- A meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was held with the help of Patrick Ginty and Mike Ellison to help plan a service day for the youth.
- We will give back to any elderly parishioner or parishioners that are unable to attend to their homes for spring clean up or maintenance.
- Details of this meeting will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Hispanic Youth Report:** by Andrea Ramirez (5 Minutes)

- The March For Life trip this past month was successful. Many members of the Hispanic Youth Group attended this event.
- The fundraiser is still going on for the man who is in the hospital.

**Name Tags for Members:** by Susan Warren

- Name tags for each member of the Pastoral Council were created.
- These name tags will allow any parishioner to know who exactly is on our Council, as well as allowing them to put a face to a name.
- They will allow parishioners to approach anyone with any questions, comments, or concerns they may have – and they can be brought up at the meeting that follows.

**Council Photos:** by Joyce Lorraine-Lisi

- Another way to help our parishioners recognize members of the Pastoral Council is to have a directory on the website with a members' picture and name.
- All adult members have had their photo taken.
- Approval for the youth is still pending. In order to have any minors' photo online, a parent must have given written permission.



**Finance Report:** by Dean Penny

**New Rectory**

- We were not expecting to get an assessment of \$172,000, however an offer came back of \$135,000.
- An estimated value of \$10,000 will go into repairs.
- An offer between \$135,000 and \$145,000 is expected.
- The \$145,000 is a backup offer and is the best recommended option, if \$135,000 does not go through.
- An architect will update our current plan. We will then begin constructing the new rectory.
- We had a positive meeting with Mrs. Grantham, as she offered less than half for what we have budgeted.
- We still need Environmental work done to get ready for the purchase. This will begin as soon as late March / early April.

**Parish Center Carpet**

- The worst case scenario is that we have to pay for the installation.
- Vendor will replace carpet at his expense.
- Jeff has samples, and in 2 weeks we will begin installing.

**Presentations & "Fun Facts"**

- We will present with smaller groups such as to the Ladies Guild, social ministries and Sunday morning faith formation crowd.
- The first week of March the outreach will be completed, look for new "fun facts".

**Commitment Cards:** by Connie Moreno

- The following information/numbers were collected & given by Nancy Kelly:
- Number of cards returned: 152, or 7.4% of those sent
- Number of families increasing their offertory: 67
- Increase in giving per cards returned: \$30,122, or 12.7% from what these parishioners gave last year (self-reported).
- Increase in giving as a % of budgeted offertory: 3.4%

**Nominating Committee:** by Terry McMurray

- The committee has not met yet, spoke on behalf of committee.
- A detailed requirement summary for electors will be given in March.
- Information in the bulletin.
- We have not approached candidates ourselves. We think that the council as a whole should go about asking people.
- Ushers will distribute ballots at each mass.
- There will be 4 positions available.
- Our guest, Laura Olmedo was encouraged by the Pastoral Council to run for next year, as she is driven to be more involved in our Parish.

**New Business:**

- Richard has resigned from the Pastoral Council due to a new job opportunity in New Bern. He sent his notice in a thoughtful email to the parish council.
- The council welcomes Gene Boumenot to fulfill his remaining term.
- Joyce had announced that environmental safety training is in the works for the Pastoral Council.
- Due to the success of the last town hall meeting, Susan would like to hold a second town hall meeting during the summer. This would be open to all parishioners.



**Closing Remarks** by Father Peter Grace

- Discussed the Bishop's annual appeal and shared practices of the parish.
- Attended 3 Meetings.
- Discussion among the Pastoral Council on charitable deeds, such as giving to specific causes and organizations, as well as collections for charities.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with The Glory Be as the closing prayer by Father Peter Grace.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kayla A. McCaffrey

These minutes were approved as read on **March 14, 2018 as read.**