



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Father Peter Grace, CP
Wednesday, November 16, 2020

Members: Father Peter Grace, Martin Dramou, Mike Ellison, Patrick Ginty, Mary Hansen, Misael Jaramillo, George Lozano, Louise Lupo, Marco Maya, Anne Miller, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Andrea Ramirez, Victor Sanchez, Sean Skelly, Jon Soika,

Members Excused: none

Members Absent:

Opening Prayer: Marco Mayo

Guests: Jim Moynihan, Victor Moreno, Gary Winkler, Sandy Vargas

Approval of Minutes: October minutes were approved by Mike Ellison with corrections and seconded by George Lozano, all agreed.

Youth Report: Andrea Ramirez
They are having a children's choir perform during the 10 am Dec 12 mass and they are thinking of doing a Christmas play. This is still in the discussion stages.

Finance Report: Dean Penny

Art mosaic of the Devine Mercy has been delivered. We are still in the process of getting it framed. Jorge Pena Gonzales (the artist) was here to show us what he has developed for three more original pieces of art that we will place at the front of the church in the niches. All three will be of St. Ann's feast days. Immaculate Conception, The Birth of Mary, and The Presentation of Mary at the Temple. We at St. Ann's have been blessed with these gifts. One very generous family has commissioned all these works of art and assuming all the costs including the framing. The finance committee has been working closely with Father Peter with which images should be represented and now everything is in the works. The committee that worked with Jorge Pena in choosing the future mosaics were also present (Cathy Penny, Lisa Deeren & Ricky Herrera).

Finance November 2020 is attached to these minutes.
Mass attendance is approximately 1,000 per weekend
Monthly offertory budget - \$68,750 (\$25.00 per family)
Actual offertory - \$57,852

We are running more than a 10K deficit
We have been able to run expenses close to even but we still need to increase our offertory revenue.

Columbarium – we have sold 5 niches and 25-30 prospects.



We will have a celebration of life event with local funeral businesses next year. The original event had to be postponed. There will be 1200 niches in the first phase. The interior cross and then the outer walls.

The property that is across the road from St. Ann's next to Hwy. 70 is still for sale. The total area is 65 acres. Dean is working with a land developer to possibly purchase this and hold approximately 5-10 acres for St. Ann's. We hope to be able to purchase the land from him later.

"I Give" campaign will begin Nov. 16. This is a donation site that is linked to St. Ann's for people to donate to us for "Giving Tuesday". It is through Raleigh I Give Catholic.org. We are one of 37 parishes that are participating.

Guests:

Victor Moreno – New Hispanic Director & Sandy Vargas (translator)

He sees a gap between the Spanish and English communities.

Most important is to focus on the youth. Focus on the now not always the future.

His is opening the door for feedback and suggestions, and open to solutions. If you have a suggestion for improvement, please also have a solution.

He wants people to follow these guidelines that have been in collaboration with the Priests.

- 1 – Be punctual
- 2 – Respect everyone
- 3 – Do not jump leadership positions
- 4 – Be concrete in your answers and ideas
- 5 – Be consistent in meeting times
- 6 – 3 absences – you lose your position in leadership
- 7 – Any event must have one-month notice
- 8 – Do not commit the priest to your idea if they do not agree. Priests still have the final word.

These guidelines and rules were established to help make the ministry stronger.

Victor's role is for 1 year. He is to guide the leaders, projects and to help our church community. To help in abusive relationships and support families to focus on the safe environment committee as well.

The Hispanic meetings times and dates will be posted on the website.

Jim Moynihan - IFF Update

First and foremost a BIG thank you to Fr. Peter and Staff, Pastoral Council, Dean Penny, and the finance committee, Anne Mullens and the 10 different food group committees, Youth Group and Jenny Gonzales, Ladies Guild, Knights of Columbus, Food Team, IFF exec committee.



The total food profit	\$ 9,300
The total raffle profit	<u>\$13,750</u>
	\$23,000+ total efforts

Gary Winkler – Maintenance Update

Gary is retiring. He has been the main maintenance person keeping St. Ann's in top shape. Gary has taken care of over 25 projects during his time here. Because of his efforts we have been able to save over 100K in costs. We have some volunteers every Friday and they take care of the ongoing maintenance, but we are still looking for someone to take Gary's place as head leader of the maintenance committee.

Some issues will need to be kept an eye on:

- The learning center roofs and rubber membranes
- LC 15 AC units – are original 15/20 yrs. old. They will need to be replaced
- We have a lot of electrical issues in the Parish Center. We will need to address
- The church has some toilets that will need to be replaced.

Sandy Vargas – Offertory Program

Early last spring there were talks with the diocese and a decision was made to work with their stewardship program. This program will absorb 2/3 of the costs for the implementation. We have approximately 2800 families in the parish. Less than 1000 families give to offertory. Only 10% response to the program. We have 44 new families. Online donations and live streaming have really helped. Commitment cards that we have received are about 80% of our budget.

Safety Report:

Kevin Pilotte

Steve Lockhart is leaving as the Safety Committee leader because he has moved out of the area. Kevin will head that committee until further notice.

New Business:

Louise Lupo – Good Shepard

Encourage parishioners to take a more active life the in the different ministries here at St. Ann's. A letter will be mailed out the first week of December.

Kevin Pilotte – Knights of Columbus

Thank you for the three new flags in front of the Parish Center. They are also working on getting us lighting that is required for the American flag for when it is nighttime.

We are still looking for Ushers for all Masses.

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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



There have been three parishioners that have died recently. Is there an email list for notifications or something posted on the website so that everyone might be notified in the future? It was felt that more people might have liked to attend the services for these people if they had known.

Old Business: Included in other reports.

Comments: Fr. Peter

The 300-year anniversary of the Passionist Order is this year. He will try to highlight the different saints to the parish during the year.

Thank you to Gary Winkler for all his service to the parish. We will miss your service and we count on the good volunteers here at St. Ann's.

We have new software for streaming all the Masses online. They will be automatically online everyday

Father Hector had a great meeting with the immigration office. Things are moving forward for his ability to stay here at St. Ann's.

There was a thought of moving the 7pm mass to 6pm on Sunday nights. A poll was taken at mass and the consensus was to keep it at 7pm. Also, some parishioners said that because of their jobs they would not be able to attend Mass if it was moved.

Anne Miller – Parishioners questions

Does the music have to be so mournful? Can we have a little more upbeat music during Mass? Also, if some of the music is sung cannot we sing all the music? It was discussed and the Liturgical music (psalms) are sung but everything else is optional.

Closing Prayer: Father Peter

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 21, 2020 at 7 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm
Respectfully submitted, Mary Hansen