

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2017 9:15AM

Council Members Present: Msgr. Michael Reed, Fr. Hank Lech, Dcn. Tom Kennell, Steve Rhodes, Joe Courey, Noelle Strevig, Donna Arndt, Pete Fierro, Chris Gay, Audrey Gibson, Ron Wark, and Dawn Gagnon.

Msgr. Reed opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes:

With no changes or corrections to the minutes, Dcn. Tom Kennell motioned to approve the November 2016 and the December 2016 meeting minutes. Ron Wark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Finance:

Dawn Gagnon explained that the current balance sheet is looking good. An amount of \$425,656 reflects the monies sitting in the Building Fund savings account at the time of the meeting and the general savings account reflects a total cost of \$210,496 at the time of the meeting. The offertory monies collected reflects an amount of \$380,000. Dawn noted that the current CSA goal is \$78,876.71 for the 2017 year. To encourage parishioners to consider purchasing their own Catholic Compass subscription, envelopes will be stapled to future bulletins to make signing up easier.

Parish Business:

Building Update:

Msgr. Reed provided updated costs for smaller renovations to the covered walkway. The completed project was said to cost \$189,000. The parking lot overlay reflected a total amount of \$32,040. A cost of \$420 was budgeted for the painting of the roof while the acrylic panel connector reflected an amount of \$978. Frank Cherry with the ADA explained that the ramps are now compliant. Complaints on the ramps had been reported and Msgr. Reed explained that the ramp surfacing is also used at West Florida Hospital. Total cost for ramp repairs reflected an amount of \$1500. Chris Gay suggested that we look into drainage and gutters for the new walkway. Renovations for the cry room were completed. Work completed included installing new carpet, painting of the walls, reupholstered pews with additional stuffing added, removal of the sink, and an addition of a bookcase. Dawn Gagnon offered to purchase new toys for the cry room.

Love Thy Neighbor:

While it has been said that the Love Thy Neighbor ministry had been disbanded, Msgr. Reed expressed that the ministry is still active. The ministry was initially formed following Hurricane Ivan to assist parishioners and the community. Molly Leonard had successfully been contacting new parishioners on a weekly basis. It was noted that the new welcome center has been the most recent and effective way to welcome and register new

parishioners. Msgr. Reed expressed his happiness that individuals are wanting to volunteer. Audrey Gibson noted that parishioner Susan Jones has been providing information to new parishioners and will happily continue with the welcome center.

WECANSHADEIT:

It was noted that the WECANSHADEIT company would not be able to place the shades on the side of the building. Audrey Gibson stated that temporary shades had been purchased from Amazon for the Fall Festival and would be an alternative for other events as needed. The need for shades was tabled until further notice.

Pastoral Council Goals:

Steve Rhodes would like to hold a retreat for the council that would take place for a couple hours in lieu of the next council meeting to reestablish and create new Parish Council goals. The retreat has been scheduled for February 21st from 6 to 9pm in the Parish Hall and will be a potluck meeting.

Additional Christmas Festival Feedback:

Those in attendance at the parish Christmas festival gave positive feedback. The food preparation worked well with the food warmers that were available. Msgr. Reed expressed his overall happiness with the festival and Pete Fierro noted that he was pleased with the gumbo and s'mores provided. It was suggested that the children's performance be scheduled closer to the beginning of the festival.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

Steve Rhodes and Kate Lewis will meet to continue planning for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Grant Requests:

Msgr. Reed explained the grant requests for the 2017 year. Grant requests include the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund, the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida, and the Chadbourne Foundation Grant. We have received a \$5000 grant from the Chadbourne Foundation Grant for Adult Religious Education and other Adult Programs. Money is used for program supplies and food. Steve Rhodes asked a council member to volunteer to look into the Catholics Come Home grant.

Fall Festival Update:

Joe Courey explained that there was an overabundance of debris that washed down the street following the fall festival. Those living close to the parish made note that it was ending up in their yards. The debris consisted of the clay that was laid down prior to the festival. Joe suggested possibly laying down more gravel. The drainage system currently run behind the stage area.

Parish Retention Pond and City of Milton:

Msgr. Reed noted that the area closest to the parish hall continues to flood during heavy rain. The Diocese has expressed their concerns with the overflow of the retention pond should the drainage be routed more towards it. The pond may not be big enough. Steve

Rhodes stated that he has contact with city employees and will follow up with the drainage concerns.

Religious and Adult Education:

Magr. Reed explained that 130 people have registered for the adult education Epic series. Parishioners are able to participate in person or online. Msgr. Reed noted that we continue to have people join the RCIA program. Need parish participation in the form of prayer partners, sponsors and mentors. We may need to approach people to ask them for support.

New Business Item:

Joe Courey recommended that the old broken light poles located on that parish grounds be removed. Joe would like to explore the option of having them fixed if they are able to be fixed and will look into it further. All council members present were in favor.

Monsignor closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting: February 21st at 6PM in the Parish Hall.