

St. Andrew by the Sea

Pastoral Council Minutes

Sept. 14, 2015

Pastoral Council of St. Andrew-by-the-Sea.

The following were present: secretary Claudia Detore, SABS rep Jerry Whitworth, pastor Fr. Michael Howell, K.C. rep Bill Cary, at-large rep Joe Alexander, Vice-chariperson Mary Alice Eskridge, at-large rep Ray Salinas Jr.,DRE rep Cheryl Hooper, ARS rep Patty Schoenicke, at-large rep Laurie Hoffman, Chairperson Steve Galvan, at-large rep Mary Ellen Galvan and Deacon Marc Washburne.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. Michael.

Parishioner's Comments

n/a

Ray Salinas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15 meeting, seconded by Mary Ellen Galvan. Motion unanimously approved.

Reports

n/a

Correspondence

n/a

Old Business:

- Website-by Monday, Sept. 21, council members will check the Pastoral Council web page and send comments/changes to Claudia who will forward to Cheryl Hooper. Once it is finalized, Claudia will request (email to Jerry)that information about the web page be put in the bulletin to inform parishioners.
- Ramp/ADA – Laurie Hoffman met with a compliance officer who complimented our parish for our “ADA friendliness” . She made recommendations that we have a disabled parking sign per slot and that we remove barrier to the ramp???? Ray Salinas made a motion to see where we need poles and/or signs to determine cost to determine how we plan to proceed. Mary Alice Eskridge seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Laurie Hoffman will follow up.

Mary Ellen Galvan made a motion, seconded by Patty Schoenicke, that we include information in the bulletin informing parishioners that the ADA Compliance officer found our parish very welcoming from a disabilities standpoint and that we are pursuing action on suggestions she made. Motion passed unanimously. This will be in the bulletin when the website is introduced.

Ray Salinas made a motion to include the minutes on our website. Mary Ellen Galvan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Pot Luck dinner - Bill Cary made a motion for the dinner to be on Nov. 14 after the 5:00 mass. Ray Salinas seconded. Motion passed unanimously. After discussion, it was decided that St. Andrews will pay for the chicken and paper goods while parish members sign up to bring drinks or sides or desserts. Claudia will create a sign-up sheet that indicates: **# in family attending, contact number and choice of side dish or dessert or drink to share** Signup will be after masses on Oct 24/25 and Oct 31/Nov 1. Signups will be overseen at masses by Claudia 5:00, Patty 8:30 and Mary Ellen 11:00. Nov 1 is the deadline to sign up, and a head count will be given to Ray Salinas so that the proper amount of chicken can be purchased. The pot luck dinner/sign up will be advertised in the bulletin. Claudia will send information to Jerry.
- Committee examining “what is this space” in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will continue looking at this issue. Cheryl shared information on a book called “Amazing Parish” – *how to make our parish extraordinary* and hopes to use some ideas from it. Also, TJ is looking for different ways to concisely ask parishioners to turn off their cell phones on the TV monitors.
- Discussion on ushers (provided by the Knights of Columbus) assisting in welcoming mass goers and seating of those arriving late took place. Ray Salinas and Cheryl Hooper will brainstorm and give specific needs where ushers can assist. Ray made a motion to give these ideas to Bill Cary who will take them to the Knights. Laurie Hoffman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Parking Lot- Several parishioners have questioned people using the Church’s large parking area to store boats, recreational vehicles or just daily parking of vehicles. A list of complaints on this subject from the parish office was provided. Council members discussed many ideas: build a fence, tow offenders, ask diocese for advice, rope of area, stencil “reserved for parishioners” on spots closest to church, put up signs, leave notes on vehicles, ask rental companies to add “no parking in church lot” to rental contracts. Council members also discussed our goal of service to our community and being a good neighbor and how that will work with the concerns over use of the parking lot. Mary Ellen Galvan suggested addressing the offenders on a case by case basis. Joe alexander suggested putting up signs stating “We are not responsible for loss or damage” “**No overnight parking**” and “Please, no boats or trailers”. Council members agreed not to take any legal action
- Additional ex-officio member – Cheryl Hooper made a motion to include TJ Tomizan as the Choir representative on the pastoral council. Ray Salinas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Salinas made a motion that the suggested signs be made. Bill Cary seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jerry will take care of the signs and together with Mary Alice Eskridge, talk with rental companies.

Announcements:

Religious education classes have started.

Remarks from Father Howell:

n/a

Adjournment:

Ray Salinas made a motion that the next meeting be scheduled for Jan. 11, 2016 at 6:30pm (same place). Bill Cary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer:

Steve Galvan had suggested at the beginning of the meeting that the council members take turns saying the opening/closing prayers.

Mary Ellen Galvan volunteered to give the closing prayer at approximately 8:00pm.

Claudia Detore, Secretary to the Pastoral Council of St. Andrew by the Sea Parish