

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Present: Fr. Dan Leary, F. Tom Claxton, Frank Corrigan, Rolando DeAlvarez, Pat Kilner, Lisa Longacre, David Luksic, Rose Millet, John O'Donnell, Deacon Steve O'Neill, Deacon Steve Reeves, Frank Watkins

Not Present: Deacon Ken Barrett, Deacon Mike Bond, Msgr. Kevin Hart, Bob Kane, Fr. Mario Majano, Rosario Onyekwere, Sue Sheehan

Guest: Tom Moran of The Moran Company

Guest Staff: Theresa Comer

Call to Order: F. Tom Claxton, Chairman, 7:02 pm

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dan Leary

Business:

Father Dan and Tom Moran reported that the Capital Campaign is progressing well through its initial stages of individual meetings that began in January. The campaign timeline was reviewed. Father Dan will introduce the campaign at Masses on February 17 and 18. Three advance gift receptions are planned for the next phase, to be held on February 26, February 27, and March 6. A reception for the entire parish will be held on March 11. After Easter, information will be disseminated at all Masses. The full support of the Parish Council will be required for a successful campaign. The Council thanked Mr. Moran for his excellent service so far.

Lisa Longacre provided an overview of the Parish Lenten Mission being held weekly on Sunday evenings in Lent. There are 200 participants for this program which is based generally on the sequence of a Life in the Spirit Seminar but is a pastor's approach tailored to the needs of the Saint Andrew's parish. The Mission includes dinner, talks by Father Dan, small group discussion, and prayer and song. Babysitting and transportation for the elderly is offered. A weekly video provides a snapshot of the evening and includes a lesson summary by Father and reflections by a variety of parishioners. Handouts support the lessons throughout the week. The parish received an Evangelization grant from the Archdiocese of Washington to help defray some of the cost.

David Luksic reported on the budgetary effect of the conversion of external and church and school lighting to LED. This work was completed in May 2017. Since completion, there has been a 20-24% reduction in electrical use demonstrated relative to reported costs in the same five months in 2014 and 2016, with an estimated annual savings of \$10-12,000. Pepco has estimated that the savings would double when factoring the cost of labor and material to maintain and replace the bulbs of the old fixtures. Retro-fitting the Early Learning Center was discussed.

John O'Donnell provided an update on the security camera installation. The mounts have been installed and completion of the project is expected soon.

Father Dan reported that the side door entrance into the church on the street side will be closed, effective immediately. A sign has been in place notifying parishioners that this was pending. This will be announced in the bulletin.

Frank Watkins reviewed the current plans for the expansion of the narthex and multipurpose room. Feedback from Council members was requested. Additionally, plans are being considered for a renovation of the kitchen.

Father Dan reported that Saint Andrew's will begin contributing to the food pantry at the Silver Spring Christian Reformed Church to help feed the local poor.

Father Dan expressed concern regarding the effectiveness of the hanging microphone during Children's Masses.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is scheduled for March 12 at 7:00 pm.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Steve O'Neill

Adjourn: 8:54 pm

Recorded by: Lisa Longacre