

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Present: Fr. Dan Leary, Deacon Ken Barrett, Deacon Steve O'Neill, Deacon Steve Reeves, F. Tom Claxton, Bob Kane, Lisa Longacre, David Luksic, John O'Donnell

Not Present: Frank Corrigan, Rolando DeAlvarez, Pat Kilner, Rose Millet, Rosario Onyekwere, Frank Watkins, Msgr. Kevin Hart, Fr. Mario Majano, Deacon Mike Bond, Sue Sheehan

Guest: Pazit Aviv, Village Coordinator

Guest Staff: Theresa Comer, Seminarian Ben Szoch

Call to Order: F. Tom Claxton, Chairman, 7:06 pm

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dan Leary

Business:

Tom Claxton introduced Pazit Aviv from the Department of Health and Human Services Area Agency on Aging. She presented information on Kemp Mill Village, a new community effort to enable senior citizens to age in place. Three hundred Villages currently exist, including 23 that are active in Montgomery County, to prevent social isolation to maintain physical and cognitive health, and provide neighbor-to-neighbor support for local transportation and other needs. The effort is community-wide and would build on existing parish support already in place. As an autonomous entity, the Kemp Mill Village would define itself, its specific needs, and functions. The Village would typically function under the leadership of a Working Board. A planning event is scheduled for June 3 at Kemp Mill Elementary School to solicit more community input. Pazit will provide additional materials to the Council.

Father Dan Leary introduced Seminarian Ben Szoch will be with the parish for 8 weeks during the summer. Ben Szoch provided a brief background of his experience and training and is looking forward to the time here.

The 60th Anniversary of Saint Andrew's will be in 2020. Tom Claxton will form a committee to discuss opportunities to celebrate this milestone.

Father Dan Leary provided a brief update of the status of the Capital Campaign. To date, 272 donors have responded. Envelopes will be provided in the pews during the week of June 3 for anyone who would still like to make a pledge. Monthly updates on contributions received will be published in the bulletin.

Father Dan Leary provided an update on parish finances. In addition to financial support from Resurrection as a regional parish, Saint Andrew's will also have support from Saint Catherine's in the coming year. He is pleased with the current financial status of the parish.

John O'Donnell reported on the status of the security cameras. All cameras have been installed and final minor modifications are underway.

Father Dan reported that there are continued delays with the installation of the temporary classrooms, including delays due to weather.

In response to recent tragic events in our nation's schools, Father Dan Leary will hold a 24 Hour Day of Prayer for peace in our schools and communities beginning with the Opening Mass at 8:30am on Wednesday, May 30 and continuing until the morning Mass on May 31.

John O'Donnell provided an update on the sound system in the church. Three new wireless microphones and two cantor microphones will have an increased range suitable for parish events. Installation is expected by July.

Father Dan Leary provided an update on kitchen renovations. Permits have been submitted and progress is being made toward implementation this summer.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council has not yet been scheduled.

Closing Prayer: Father Dan Leary

Adjourn: 8:25 pm

Recorded by: Lisa Longacre