

# **St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church Pastoral Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**December 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

### **Attendance:**

*Present:* Fr. Dan Leary, Deacon Ken Barrett, Deacon Mike Bond, Deacon Steve O'Neill, F. Tom Claxton, Frank Corrigan, Bob Kane, Pat Kilner, Lisa Longacre, David Luksic, Rose Millet, John O'Donnell, Rosario Onyekwere, Frank Watkins

*Not Present:* Rolando DeAlvarez, Msgr. Kevin Hart, Fr. Mario Majano, Deacon Steve Reeves, Sue Sheehan

*Guest Staff:* Theresa Comer

**Call to Order:** F. Tom Claxton, Chairman, 7:18 pm

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Dan Leary

### **Business:**

John O'Donnell provided an update on the upgrade to the existing security camera system for the parish property. Installation has been scheduled for Christmas week. Cost for the project will be shared by the Parish, School, and Early Learning Center. John will provide an announcement for the December 23/24 Parish Bulletin regarding the upgrade which was approved by the Pastoral Council.

Father Dan Leary stated that the sound system in the church continues to be inadequate and parishioners are letting him know that they are not hearing well. The challenges of the acoustics within the church structure and alternative speaker and microphone options were discussed. John O'Donnell will arrange for the sound system to be professionally rebalanced. All Pastoral Council members were asked to be aware of the quality of the sound during Masses and other activities in the coming weeks and provide feedback to John O'Donnell and Lisa Longacre.

Father Dan Leary outlined enhanced security measures that will be initiated in the new year consistent with the virtue of charity and respect for those in the pews. The entrance door facing Kemp Mill Road at the front of the church will remain locked at all times, but continue to allow egress. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and a notice placed on the door. Ushers will be trained to instruct those entering Mass late to wait until appropriate times to proceed up the aisle. Rose Millet, Bob Kane, and David Luksic will form a subcommittee for the Ushers'

role and training. All concerns and suggestions should be directed to David Luksic. A subcommittee will be formed by Bob Kane, Frank Corrigan, and Lisa Longacre to establish a Greeters' ministry to compliment the role of Ushers.

Father Dan Leary discussed the upcoming Capital Campaign to support expansion of the vestibule and multipurpose room. Members of the Pastoral Council will assist in communication of the effort, and a webpage will be created when the campaign is launched to convey information on the campaign and the building project.

Father Dan Leary reported that the parish's 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration and the school's first Faith Rally in commemoration of the Feast of Saint Andrew were very successful. These will be annual events. He announced that the next 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration will be held during Lent, March 18-20, and span the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The intentions will be for all fathers, living and deceased.

Father Dan Leary reported that all checks for the parish's Hurricane Relief effort, totaling \$60,044, have been dispersed to the communities in Dominica, Puerto Rico, Texas, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each recipient has submitted videos with their checks expressing their sincere gratitude, and these are posted on the parish website (<http://standrewapostle.org/disaster-aid/>). He commended Rolando DeAlvarez on his efforts coordinating this project. The parish also collected and donated 352 boxes and turkeys to needy families in the local area.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm.

**Closing Prayer:** Deacon Mike Bond

**Adjourn:** 8:16 pm

*Recorded by: Lisa Longacre*