

St. Mary Catholic Church Pastoral Council Minutes
May 30, 2018

Meeting Called to Order by Lynn Ingle: at 5:30 p.m. in Sherlock Hall Classroom #3

Opening Prayer: Lynn Ingle (using prayer handouts)

Reading aloud of our parish's Mission Statement

Roll Call : Joan Miller Present = P Absent = A Excused Absence = EA

Fr. Gillespie P Lynn Ingle P Patrick Calcutt EA Salvador Rodriguez EA Joan Miller P
Bernie Bosse P Rocio Marin P Carolyn Campbell EA Betsy Usry A Mireya Lopez P
(Mireya is the newest council member)

Silent reading of minutes from the last meeting then vote to approve minutes. There were three corrections to the minutes. In the first Bullet in the middle of the paragraph change Program to Retreat. In the fourth Bullet eliminate the words "or is completed". Also eliminate the sentence "These repairs will have to be done before the dining hall floor and hall floors." Rocio motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Lynn seconded the motion.

Current/ Ongoing Business & Ministry Reports:

- Transitioning of Pastoral leadership (Fr. Gillespie) Fr. Francis Gillespie will be leaving St. Mary Church at the end of June 2018. Bishop Hartmayer has appointed Reverend Samuel Aniekwe Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish effective July 1, 2018. Fr. Sam has celebrated Mass here on occasion and helped with Advent and Lenten Confessions when he was Pastoral Administrator in Montezuma and Fort Valley. Father Paulinus from Cordele will celebrate the Spanish Mass for St. Mary Church.
- Report on PC nomination outcomes: (Fr. Gillespie; Lynn Ingle) Only a few valid nomination ballots were cast. Only three eligible and interested candidates surfaced so there was no need for a runoff election. After discussing the requirements of regular attendance and speaking English, etc., Mrs. Mireya Lopez was the best candidate. She does, however, have to go to Venezuela in August. There are still two positions open on the Pastoral Council and will remain open until further notice.
- Finance Report; BAA update (Bernie) Two handouts were provided - the financial summary through April, 2018 and 2019 Projection Budget which starts July, 2018. We continue to be in good shape financially for fiscal year 2018. There is a favorable variance of \$9,344 for fiscal year 2018. Also noted is that our new priest will have an annual health insurance cost of \$16,176; whereas Fr. Fran's insurance cost was

\$6,000. Modifications to the budget will be submitted for approval. BAA update---We are at 75 % of our goal. Weekly updates for BAA are in the Church Bulletin.

- Maintenance project (painting of classrooms, taking up of rug in hall and laying down of floor (Fr. Gillespie, Bernie) The 2019 Budget has maintenance information in it. It is noted that the Sherlock Hall and classroom floor project upgrade will be funded from the Diocesan Savings Account. Our parish Hispanic community will be doing the work. They will sign papers to satisfy the insurance requirement of the Diocese. The roof project over the classrooms will come out of offertory money collected for FY 2019.
- Sacramental Milestones: Confirmations, 1st Communions, Deaconate ordination: St. Mary Church celebrated Confirmation and 1st Communion the weekend of May 11 and 12. The ceremonies were beautiful for both. Then May 19, 2018 was the Deaconate Ordination in Savannah. The Church was filled. The Bishop gave a good Homily. Bernie Bosse became an ordained Deacon.

New Business: none

Open Forum: Members of the PC including any submitted items from parishioners germane to the PC none

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:30 in Sherlock Hall

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: Bernie Bosse Bernie asked for God's Blessings for the sick in our parish, for our new Priest, for Fr. Fran and for travelers in our parish.

#Note - April 2018 minutes were corrected and placed in the office file book.

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