

St. Augustine Pastoral Council Minutes

November 21, 2017

Staff present: Fr. Brian Mee, Deacon Allen Peterson

Council members present: Danita Buss, Greg Repetti, Alena Brautigan, Bob Sestero

Council members absent: Terry Peterson, Sly Chatman, Jo Layera

Father called the meeting to order with a prayer. The minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

Old Business: [1] Father announced that the Tower Point Capital proposal to use the church tower as a cell tower has been declined. After consulting with the Diocese, the long-term commitment and potential conflicts were concerning and ambiguous and probably not in our best interests.

[2] Father again reviewed and took names of potential council members to take the place of Lins Dorman and Liz Pearce. He will contact new candidates.

New Business: [1] Father and the council went over to the church and discussed some ideas that he has for possible renovations in the sanctuary. They included: lowering the altar level by one or two steps; changing the woodwork and appearance around the confessionals; lowering or removing the wall between the altar and the back chapel and putting the crucifix on the back wall in the center. These are his long-term “wish list” and there is no time frame now.

[2] We briefly discussed a request from Karen and Fred Stahl to have someone from St. Augustine’s to participate on the committee working to develop a curriculum on Sex Education for District 81. They disfavor the “Get Real” curriculum of Planned Parenthood. Alena and Bob will discuss this and follow up on the request.

Committee Reports: [1] Social/In-reach - Allen Peterson presented a list of 19 potential parish activities that we have done or have been done in other parishes. The list will be sent to all the council members and discussed at future meetings. We also discussed other informal get togethers of parishioners after Mass, etc.

[2] Communications: we discussed the new insert in the bulletin at the end of each month.

[3] Liturgy: 3 new lectors and approximately 20 new eucharistic ministers have been recruited. Father will have a training session on 11/29/17 and they will begin serving in December. Danita suggested we might have a yearly social event for all the lectors, eucharistic ministers, cantors and musicians, and other volunteers in the parish.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2017 at 7 PM in the rectory.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Sestero