

**Holy Redeemer by the Sea
Pastoral Council Meeting
November 17, 2015**

**Minutes
Approved January 13, 2016**

Present: Fr. Bill, Val Cummings, Emily DiNoto, Kris Felthousen, Grace Ghirardi, Tim Gregory, Jim Groff, Patti Hess, Don Kelly, Matt McKenna, Jon O'Neil, Adrienne Palma, Jane Parker, Ray Reisert, Marian Sciacchitano, Norm St. Laurent.

Absent: Miguel Angel, Joan Fordham, Barbara Getchell, Ismael Ramos Lara, Susan Pope, and Fr. Al Russell.

Recorder: Patti Hess

Opening Prayer Father Bill @ 5:15 PM

Approved Minutes from September 8, 2015, as moved by Jim Groff, seconded by Adrienne Palma.

Pastoral Plan: Due to the lack of a quorum, a motion was made by Jon O'Neil and seconded by Don Kelly that an absentee ballot would be sent to the absent members asking for their vote of approval for the Pastoral Plan. At 5:25 pm, another Council member arrived – a vote was taken and Kris Felthousen stated that the Pastoral Plan was approved. Fr. Bill commended the committee who prepared the Pastoral Plan. Recruitment is now needed to the 7 teams, which will have one Pastoral Council member on each team. There will be an announcement in the Bulletin and one or two of the Council members will speak at Masses starting in January 2016. The Pastoral Plan will be published in the Bulletin and on our website once it is approved by the Diocese.

Council Representation on Pastoral Plan Committees: Fr. Bill asked that a Pastoral Council member be on one of the seven committees that are listed in the Plan; Matt McKenna is on Committee #5 – Implement the Pastoral Initiative on Marriage and Support of Family Life; Adrienne Palma, Jon O'Neil and Jim Groff are on Committee #7 – Plan for the Effective Management of Growth. Parishioners Pat Siok and Richard Buell are on Committee #2 – Focus on Faith Formation and Sacramental Practice; Lori O'Neil and Jane Rath are on Committee #4 – Promote Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Jon O'Neil spoke regarding the Plan for the Effective Management of Growth – the Faith Formation parents do not like the night time classes. Jon discussed using the Chapel fund to build a Chapel with a classroom area. Discussion followed about relocating the parish office and converting the present office space into a Chapel/classroom area. Fr. Bill stated this item will be referred to the Pastoral Council and then to the Building Committee.

Jon O'Neil – Regional Catholic School – Jon has been in discussion with other parishes in the area regarding a regional Catholic school. Holy Family did a survey eight years ago; Currituck County has grown; the Regional School Voucher Program has been approved. Val asked if the survey included non-Catholic families. Each parish would do fundraising.

Staff Reports

Val – Pictures are being taken for the Parish Directory – the history will be updated; Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Sunday, November 22; she is ordering more Matthew Kelly books for Christmas; Christmas Party will be at the Links; there are four candidates in RCIA – all pending Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The Christmas Card being sent out this year will reflect the new Mass times – at Holy Redeemer by the Sea on Christmas Eve there will be a 4:00 pm Family Mass and a 7:00 pm Mass – there will NOT be a midnight Mass on Christmas Eve; the Mass on Christmas Day is at 9:00 am.

Marian – The Stewardship presentation on September 12 and 13 went very well; 41 Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed this year; two parents from our Faith Formation program helped organize the baskets.

Grace- There are seventeen children in the Liturgy of the Word; there are eleven children in the Good Shepherd Program. Emily DiNoto went on a Mission trip to Camden, NJ with a few of our students; the story was in the NC Catholic magazine with their picture on the front cover. We now have refreshments in the parish hall for the parents during the Faith Formation classes.

Fr. Bill's Comments: Fr. Bill stated he was on vacation in October; he is very thankful for our parishioners; he is very glad to be our Pastor working with us. The Oblate Provincial has noted our parish's extensive support of the Oblates. Our Parish staff is exceptional.

Concluding Prayer offered by Father Bill at 6:25 PM

No December business meeting – All (spouse or guest included) invited to Links for Christmas Party Dec 9 at 4:30

Next Business Meeting: January 12, 2016, @ 5:15 PM