

St. Ann's Pastoral Council / Bethany Beach

MINUTES (FINAL VERSION)

Submitted by Cathy Rossi, Secretary

Meeting of November 04, 2024

Call to order 4:00 PM by Pilar Alvarez

In attendance: Father Klevence, Father Joseph Dovari, Pilar Alvarez, Betty Wisgirda, Lorraine Jordin, Dominic Paccapaniccia, Tina Gordon, Maria Colello, Cathy Rossi, Georgia Bresch. Vince Catania and Mario Robles were absent.

Opening/Gospel Reflection - Pilar led the Opening and Betty led the Gospel Reading. Reflections offered by those in attendance.

Minutes - Council approved the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on September 23, 2024, as previously distributed and amended via email.

New Reports

Georgia Bresch, Business Manager - Georgia reported that work should begin shortly on a new exit for OLG, after final approvals were granted by the State of Delaware Department of Transportation. Georgia also provided a detailed list of Parish Projects funded by the Parish Bazaar (held every summer). For Fiscal Year 2022, Bazaar proceeds covered \$122K in expenses for garage expansion, flooring for Delaney Hall and the Parish Office, and parking lot sealing and striping for St. Ann and OLG. For FY 2023 & 2024, Bazaar proceeds covered \$319K in expenses for the PA system and kitchen renovation in Delaney Hall, window replacements in Masterson Center, and bathroom renovation at St. Ann's Church. FY2025 bazaar proceeds went towards painting and carpet of St. Ann Church and painting hallways and carpet throughout the Masterson Center which was completed in October. Classrooms in the Masterson Center will be painted during the Christmas break of CCD and will be funded by Capital Repairs and Replacements. Separate from the Bazaar proceeds, \$45K in donations to date are supporting the new Adoration chapel in the Masterson Center.

Social Concerns –Dominic presented a refreshed draft list of Social Concerns-related parish groups including updated contact people. He will assume responsibility as Council liaison with the groups to gather and relay highlights of their activities to Parish Council.

Christian Formation/Religious Education - Tina reported current totals for religious education as 112 enrollees for K-8, 6 enrollees for OCIA year-one and 11 enrollees for OCIA year-two. The counts are on par with numbers of enrollees at this time last year. The Christmas Pageant will be held on December 15 @9:00am in the church followed by a reception in Delaney Hall. Religious Ed is working on a new monthly service project with students, including help for the Rehoboth Humane Society, blessings bags for those affected by Fall hurricanes," presents for Baby Jesus," and an MLK Day of Service.

Hispanic Community – Maria thanked the Knights of Columbus for covering expenses for a successful and enjoyable bus trip for 19 children to see the play, *The Book of Daniel*, in Lancaster,

PA. Also, Maria reported registration is underway for English-as-a-Second-Language classes that will begin in January. Sussex Tech is supplying teachers and St. Vincent de Paul Society is providing financial support for the teachers.

Liturgy – Betty reported the Liturgy Committee meets tomorrow (Nov 5).

Hospitality – Cathy reported that the Hospitality Committee meets tomorrow (Nov 5).

Post meeting Hospitality update: The St. Ann's Apparel website is now up and running. Information is being published in the Bulletin and will also be posted on the parish website. The website for ordering is <https://stanns2024store.itemorder.com>

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) – Lorraine reported that Food Pantry neighbor needs have increased this Fall. Upcoming presentation @St. Edmond's Parish in Rehoboth will focus on "Housing Affordability." Next Dine-and-Donate for SVdP tonight (Nov 4) at Ocean View Brewery.

Separately, Lorraine raised a parishioner request that came to her by email, asking that an updated *list of Parish Council Members with member contact information* as well as *Minutes of Pastoral Council Meetings* be posted to the St. Ann Parish website. Pastor and Council Members agreed that this should be done. As Council Secretary, Cathy will work with Dan DiLuzio (web) to see that this is done as soon as practically possible.

Building and Grounds – Mario Robles was absent.

Pastor's Report /Father Klevence - Father provided an update on Parish Projects, including the completion of painting and new carpet installation at St. Ann's Church during the month of October. The Church closed for October and re-opened on time for Mass on Saturday, November 2nd. Gold-leaf work around the Crucifix on the main Altar will be completed shortly. Meanwhile, Adoration Chapel construction (reconfiguration of space at Masterson Hall) is underway. Capacity will likely be about 14 people. Donations of support to various elements of the Chapel are in process.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 PM, so that Pastor/Associate Pastor and Parish Council Members could attend/support the SVdP Dine-and-Donate Event.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2025 @4pm

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