

St. Andrew Parish Pastoral Council Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Meeting

Present: Father Rob Waller, Pastor; Andy Hofmann, President; Ray Lamping, Pat Meisner, Secretary

Absent: Carolyn Potter, Kristin Woodard, Melinda Wagner, Brian Sullivan

Note: Andy realized that those who were absent had not received the e-mail reminder of the meeting. He offered his apology.

The meeting began with prayer.

There were no additional comments on the minutes of the 9/22/14 meeting.

Pastoral Region Planning:

Ray sent the revised Pastoral Region Plan electronically to St. Andrew Parish Pastoral Council members today. The Pastoral Region Coordinating Committee will meet to make any final revisions/clarifications needed and will vote to approve the Plan, which will then be sent to the Archdiocese. Those present expressed appreciation to Ray for his dedication and ongoing service to this important work.

The Pastor of the Pastoral Region will reside at St. Andrew and have his primary office at Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Ray inquired about any further questions about the earlier Q&A document regarding the Parish Pastoral Region Plan. He responded to a question regarding the decline in St. Andrew Parish revenues in recent years by affirming that the Finance Committee is monitoring this trend and discussing the topic. St. Andrew Parish currently has no debt.

Sunday Count:

Father Rob circulated copies of the Report of Saturday - Sunday Mass Attendance 2014- October Count - 2014. Average weekend attendance was 977. Father noted that there were no big changes in this report as compared to 2013.

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Capital Campaign:

The St. Andrew Parish goal for the Capital Campaign is \$940,000 to be raised over five years.

The Local "Parish Priorities" are identified as 1. increase parish education endowment (grade school tuition assistance to our own parish families) 2. enhance kitchens in church hall and parish center 3. replace chairlift into church hall.

The roll-out of the Capital Campaign will begin after Christmas 2014. The Catholic Ministries Campaign will also be taking place at that time.

Milford on Main Project:

Father Rob shared handouts about the proposed Milford on Main rental apartment project by Real Estate Ventures Capital, LLC to be built on the approximately 4-acre site between Main Street and Lila Avenue by the Five Points intersection. (This is the site of the old Milford Main School.)

If approved, the three story 92-unit project will include one, two and three bedroom independent living apartments for those aged 55 and over. Plans for parking are included.

Demolition of the buildings currently on the property would begin following the close of the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Father Rob shared with the Parish Pastoral Council the draft of a letter to the Milford Planning Commission, noting that St. Andrew School will lose its cafeteria and playground, as well as parking spaces that have been available to parishioners on weekends and holydays. The developer has expressed his desire to provide parking spaces that could also be available to St. Andrew Parish and has asked for some access on small parcels of the St. Andrew property. Such an agreement with the developer will need prior approval of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Father Rob expressed his opinion that all things considered, the project should be good for the neighborhood.

A public hearing held by the Milford Planning Commission is scheduled for 12/10/14.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the St. Andrew Parish Pastoral Council will be on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

Recorder: Pat Meisner