

SS Peter and Paul Pastoral Council - Meeting Minutes

January 08, 2024

Attendees: Rev. Ted Jost, Eileen Lyon, Joe Burke, Robert Couth, Sharon Keller, Warren Ristine, Katherine Nicaise-Steffen, Irene Stranz, Kevin Morgan, Mary Flanagan, Holly Stuart, Greg Jones, Joan Haag, Deacon Roy Dibb

Excused: Rev. Jim Cuipek, Deacon Robb Ciezki, Dick Blake, Rachael Rizzo, Karin Dusza, Lauren (Ren) Gibson, Amanda Przyklek, Jenifer Golinski, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Don Wach, Lori Baker, Andy Straub, Deacon Carl Koester, Judy Shelley, Leslie Brooks

Unexcused: None

The meeting was held in the Parish meeting room and was called to order by President Warren Ristine at 7:00 PM. Opening Prayer by Father Ted. The mission statement was read by all.

Motion to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes by Sharon and second by Joan unanimously approved.

Announcements

Warren announced that one member from each sub-committee must be designated to serve on the Selection Committee. Irene will email the sub-committees as a reminder and let Warren know if you would like to serve

Warren thanked Principal Rizzo for all her hard work and great positive changes in the school. Complementing the school activities highlighted in the bulletin.

Warren Thanked Eileen for her wonderful presentation. Many compliments from the group of how many of us learned a lot about the bread rosaries and the living rosary offered the gift of hope and prayer for those in the concentration camps.

Old Business

Irene reported that minutes from the Spiritual Family Pillar were attached to the reports and the Forming Disciple Family Pillar update on the Faith Formation Report. Many of the Family Pillars took a break from meetings during the holiday season. As the Family Pillar plans are completed, they are turned in to Father Jim for approval.

Warren thanked all who helped in any way for the coffee social. The goal was to be visible to families with small children. Many parishioners enjoyed the social. Many thanks to Pat Boyle and his wife Becky. Pat resent an email to ministry heads to participate in the coffee social. Deacon Roy brought up that some of the staff were not accepting of the social since it impeded some of the class activity in the faith formation. Kids had food in the classroom which is not allowed, and which Pastoral Council did not know that this was an issue. Will need to consider this when planning future coffee socials.

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Father Ted suggested fewer chairs to encourage social meet and greet. However, it was raised that with much older Parishioners the chairs are needed for their comfort and safety.

Greg noted that families have switched to SSPP's children's mass with the WORD from other parishes. It has a growing children participation attributed to Janet Griffin who leads the program.

Warren noted that there is currently no one doing the website yet. Don had been helping out at this time.

Warren thanked Irene for the insert in the bulletin concerning the offertory gifts and to remind Parishioners if they want to carry the gifts up to notify the ushers early.

Dick Blake will be giving the Council the yearly financial update of SSPP. Date to be determined

Subcommittee groups: Kathy has agreed to be the lead for the fellowship sub-committee, the group has not met yet. Kathy announced that the Elizabeth Ministry will be changing their name to the "Mary and Elizabeth Ministry". The change is to help with the identity of the group

The discipleship sub-committee had 3 new parishioners/families to SSPP. Sharon announced always looking for items to place in the bags.

The Ministry Support sub-committee is working on updating the ministry contacts in the Parish Handbook to help SSPP. Irene states that Kevin has done a lot of work on the Miracle of the Eucharist that will be here February 28- March 20. The group has met and the display will be the wide portion of the hallway, St Francis Chapel, and back of the church, open when the church is open. Kevin explained the timeline is over 1000 years to the modern day. The young boy mentioned in the display may be the youngest saint to be. Currently the display is being shown at Nativity.

Some asked how are we going to advertise this event at SSPP, many shared who to contact to help Kevin with advertising.

Procedures and Facilities Sub-committee Warren reported they have not met yet. If another person would like to help with this committee is welcome.

Irene reported that many of the standing committee reports were not received and hopefully will have all by the next meeting. Irene thought perhaps with back-to-back holidays it may have been a difficult time. The school report will be sent next month.

For the good of the Parish Warren commented on the Parent's Guild and all the events they have coming up; Lawn Fate, Barbeque, and meal raffle.

Kevin asked about the lights in the church are not bright. Some of the lights have been changed, but this still is a work in progress.

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Don is retiring in March? Looking for a replacement.

Deacon Roy suggested when the church is full that Christmas and Easter are wonderful opportunities to personally invite and hope to see “you” again soon come from the pulpit. Adding a personal invitation. Father Ted suggested one must be careful with the wording to encourage and yet not be critical

Eileen shared that in Lent there was a Lenten handbook distributed that was stopped at COVID. The sponsorship was from the funeral homes to offset the printing costs. Eileen will see if she has the template and Irene will contact Jacob to see what info or template.

Kathy shared that on Mother’s Day, we used to give a flower/calendar away as a gift from the parish. The social ministry will be selling baskets again this year on Mother’s Day weekend.

Irene shared that the entrance number/letter should be identified on the glass inside the church to notify the EMS which entrance to enter to save time Too many times they are called and there is a delay since they went to the wrong entrance. The ushers who help during these situations usually flag the EMS, but we could better communicate if we knew the entrance door number/letter when 911 was activated.

Warren will follow up with Kyle on the lights and numbers/letters.

Mary shared that the soup/stations are coming starting at 6 with stations at 715. Mary said they needed 12 soup makers. There are 6 speakers in total. At this time speakers are; Eileen Lyon, Peter Santandreu, and CJ Wild. The bulletin will have more details. Guest Speakers share their inspirational Lenten message, an evening with soup and fellowship.

Joan suggested the Bible in a year, which includes the history of the Old Testament. The Ascension App is great. It is a free app per Joan. Hallow is another option which is a paid app.

Irene congratulated Holly for being accepted into John Fisher College's Nursing Program. All congratulated her on her accomplishment.

Motion made to Adjourn Kathy first, Kevin second. Closing prayer Road to Renewal Prayer by all conclude the evening. at 8:11

Next Pastoral Council meeting **February 12**, 7 PM at the Parish Meeting Room

Opening Prayer - Mary Flanagan

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Stranz

Pastoral Council Secretary