

SS Peter and Paul Pastoral Council - Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

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

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, Andy Straub, Judy Shelley, Leslie Brooks, Holly Stuart

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 Mary Flanagan. The mission statement was read by all.

The motion to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes by Joan and second by Deacon Carl was unanimously approved after noting the correction made by Joan that the Ascension App is free and the Halo is a paid App. Minutes will be resent to the group with corrections.

Announcements

A letter was sent from the Social Ministry requesting a basket from the Pastoral Council for their upcoming fundraiser. The basket is due by April 14. Sharon agreed to make a basket with the idea "Shop along Buffalo Street" promoting local business as well. Sharon suggested that each member of the council contribute \$10.00. All agreed to participate and give Sharon the money by the next meeting.

Sharon commented how the 9:30 children's Mass with school children and the Scout Mass were well attended and noted if you have not gone then you must attend to appreciate the increase in family and children participation is truly a wonderful sight to see.

Irene shared that the Lenten flyer was developed versus a booklet from the template from Jacob and Eileen. Unfortunately to time constraints getting sponsors in time for Ash Wednesday would not be possible. The flyer was presented to Father Ted as an insert into the bulletin, however, the Family is releasing a flyer for lent noting events and mass times, and 2 fliers cannot be inserted at one time per Linda. Linda will use info from the flyer at times and place it in the bulletin. The Lenten flyer will not be used.

Sharon asked about using the Beautiful Eucharist from Dynamic Catholic as a gift at Easter for the Parishioners. Eileen will ask Finance if there are any funds at this time and will let Sharon know. Eileen suggested that perhaps we place 2 orders. In the past donations were also given. Irene shared that the additional books were bought by a donation from Dave Jones and herself last year.

Coffee Socials Moving forward Pat sent a letter to restart the socials. Kathy stated she did not receive the email for Social Ministry. Warren will follow up with Pat to make sure he has the correct contact info for Kathy.

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Warren stated at Mass we used to call out if we needed more. At some masses, the last person to sign up may find more Eucharist Ministers if more coverage is needed. Joan suggested that we check 10 minutes before versus 5 minutes so we are not missing people.

Warren announced we need 2 more people to serve on the Selection Committee. Joan volunteered to help out. So far Irene and Joe have agreed to serve on the Selection process.

Road to renewal Irene reported that the Administrative Family Pillar has no new minutes. The Spiritual Family Pillar is getting ready for Life in the Eucharist ending with a picnic celebrating the completion of the program as a Family. Jack Edson and possibly Eileen will be speaking when here at SSPP. The meetings rotate throughout the Family every 2 weeks. When City Mission was here Joyce Burke represented us well and had her picture taken noted in Western New York Catholic. Alpha orientation will take place on February 28. The link was sent for those interested to sign up. The Liturgy Family Pillar will not meet again till May when it will be decided which Mass will be eliminated from the Family. Counts will continue till then. Forming Disciples are looking at books and have agreed to the same book for Confirmation. There was a mention of Formed as a Family but currently, each Parish has subscriptions as an individual. Irene will follow up with Jenny for clarification. Also looking at when Reconciliation and First Communion are done. 3 of the 4 Parishes have Reconciliation 2nd grade and First Communion 3rd grade. No report for the Stewardship Pillar. Outreach/ Inreach have their meeting next week.

New Business Warren announced that Dick Blake will be present at the March meeting to present our annual financial report for SSPP.

Fellowship sub-committee Kathy reported that there will be a meeting soon. Irene shared Michelle Brady's contact info to get information on how the picnic was accomplished. Discipleship subcommittee Sharon shared that we have 6 new Parishioners. New items are being offered in the bags like post-its and books. Kathy shared that 2 boxes of cookbooks were found and we can have them for this project. Sharon will get the books. Ministry Support Committee Irene praised Kevin for all his hard work on the Eucharistic Miracle of the World Display coming February 28. The display will be open during the hours of the Church. There will be a blurb in the bulletin as well as the radio. Depending on space the display will be in the back of the Church, the Social Center Hallway, and Saint Francis Chapel. If we run out of room, we have to store some of the panels in the library and rotate them out in 2 weeks. Kevin shared that Linda helped with placing the blurb in other bulletins within our family and close by. The next task of the group has been updating the Handbook contact info for the various ministries. The info will be shared with Don when completed. Procedure and Facilities Warren shared that they have not met yet, nothing to report at this time.

Standing reports Eileen shared that there are no minutes for finance since they have not met and will meet on February 27. Kevin shared the concern that the Outreach reported a 78% increase in January of their need due to helping the hotels as well as their clients. The needs included food, clothes, and household items. Irene suggested that more announcements come from the priest/pulpit for the needs of the outreach

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and has months. The Parishioners are very generous if they are made aware of the need. Father Ted suggested perhaps a pitch from individuals to the Parishioners.

For the Good of the Parish, it was announced that Sister Dolorous Ryan passed away. Kathy shared that the coming weekend the Elizabeth Ministry is having a bake sale and is still in need of baked goods that can be dropped off at the Saint Francis Entrance before Mass. Warren commented that one of the TV commercials for the Super Bowl spoke of Praising Jesus, and how times are changing. Mary reminded the group of the soup and Lenten program on Friday and still need soup makers. Mary questioned who covers stations. In the past, the Deacons covered the stations. Eileen suggested perhaps a note to the Deacons to help by Father Ted. Father Ted told Mary to let him know what needs to be covered and he will get coverage. Irene commented on how wonderful the school open house was and many signed up. Great accomplishments are being made within our school.

Motion made to Adjourn Sharon first, Kevin second. Closing prayer Road to Renewal Prayer by all conclude the evening. at 7:55 PM.

Next Pastoral Council meeting **March 11**, 7 PM at the Parish Meeting Room

Opening Prayer - Greg Jones

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Stranz

Pastoral Council Secretary