

SS Peter and Paul Pastoral Council - Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

Attendees: Rev. Ted Jost, Joe Burke, Sharon Keller, Warren Ristine, Katherine Nicaise-Steffen, Irene Stranz, Kevin Morgan, Joan Haag, Lori Baker, Holly Stewart, Eileen Lyons, Rob Coutch, Leslie Brooks, Mary Flanagan

Excused: Rev. Jim Cuipek, Deacon Robb Ciezki, Rachael Rizzo, Karin Dusza, Lauren (Ren) Gibson, Amanda Przyklek, Jenifer Golinski, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Don Wach, Judy Shelley, Deacon Carl Koester, Deacon Roy Dibb, Gregg Jones

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 Katherine Nicaise-Steffen. The mission statement was read by all.

The motion to approve the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes by Kathy and the second by Joe was unanimously approved.

Announcements

Warren encouraged all to consider nominating themselves or someone for an officer position for the 2024-2025 term. As the new members join Council the officer positions will be voted on. The term for each position is one year.

New Business

Irene announced that she spoke with Don and a blurb will be placed in the bulletin reminding parishioners how to regain access to their online giving.

A parishioner who wants to be anonymous donated funds from Lockwood's Greenhouses for the gardeners who take care of the planters at the entrances of the church. Much of the plantings are donated by the gardeners. Irene will place a blurb in the bulletin thanking the parishioner.

Warren announced that the June Pastoral Council meeting will take in the rectory on June 10 at 6 PM. Irene will send a sign-up genius link to sign up for bringing a dish or drinks for the event.

Leslie reminded the Council of the upcoming fundraisers for the school. May 21 will be a meeting of opportunities to volunteer for Lawn Fete. June 28 is the Golf fundraiser July 26-27 is the Lawn Fete

Kevin spoke of the pilgrimage from the 4 corners of the United States walking to the National Eucharist Congress in Indianapolis

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Rob is willing to volunteer to help with Alpha when the Family will pursue it. Irene states currently the diocese is pushing for the Family to initiate Alpha, however, with Life in the Eucharist and the Family Pillars still working on plans there seems to not be a delay to start Alpha now. Irene reported currently part of the outreach Family Pillar but perhaps should be part of the Forming Disciples Family Pillar since works with youth/RCIA. However, the outline came from the Diocese.

Sharon brought up that many Parishioners do not carry cash. When the social ministry was selling flower baskets more people would have bought one if they could pay electronically. Sharon suggested an ATM.

Irene asked if the school had access to a square, and Leslie replied yes. Leslie stated the downside is that each time we use it we need to get permission ahead of time and there is a fee.

Eileen suggested perhaps setting a QR code so people could scan and give it that way.

Old Business

The selection process will take place at the 11:30 mass on May 19. The draw per the bylaws is to take place on the 7th week after Easter or Pentecost Sunday whichever is first. This year they are on the same date. Father Matt will be saying mass. Irene will get there early to speak with Father before mass about the drawing process.

Subcommittee Updates

Fellowship sub-committee – Kathy has ordered the food. The day of the mass is the same day Hamburg has their Sesquicentennial celebration. Last year people RSVP to Linda. Kathy will talk with Linda and work out the details. Father Ted will work on the mass details. There will also be mass in the church at the same time. Kathy will contact Nick concerning the music. Kathy requested baskets from the group. When people RSVP they can indicate a salad or dessert.

Discipleship sub-committee Sharon shared that we have 12 new parishioners/families. Sharon brought supplies for the committee for baskets. The group will continue during the summer with welcome baskets.

The Ministry support sub-committee Irene shared that the ministry contact list with updates has been given to Don to update the master in computer. Irene will send an update to Mary to update the ministry card. Working on a blurb to be in the bulletin for Parishioners to fill in and drop in a basket interested in joining a ministry.

Warren reported the building update that the lights are improving inside the church. Light bulbs are being replaced with time.

Standing Reports

no issues

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For the Good of the Parish

It was brought up that there used to be a bin in the back of the church for Friends of the Night they are currently not there. Warren will call Karen and see if the location has been moved.

Irene suggested that the mail carrier drive was light when compared to the past. Since much of the food in this area benefits our Outreach center perhaps we become more proactive and give bags out to Parishioners the week as a reminder of the drive.

Father Ted thanked Kathy and those who helped with the food organization and donation for his feast day at the concert in the church.

Adjournment made by Joe and second Kathy and closing Prayer 7:41PM

Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next Pastoral Council meeting **June 10, 6 PM** at the **Rectory**

Opening Prayer –Joan Haag

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Stranz

Pastoral Council Secretary