

SS PETER AND PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

Attendees: Rev. Ted Jost, Charlie Gaughan, Dan Gerken, Deacon Carl Koester, Greg Jones, Colleen Stuart, Eileen Lyon, Joan Haag, Joe Burke, Katherine Nicaise-Steffen, Lori Baker, Marcia De Fazio, Robert Couth, Sharon Couth, Sharon Keller, Warren Ristine, Kathryn Walsh, Kimberly Bourke, Leslie Brooks, Lori Baker, Marcia De Fazio.

Excused: Rev. Jim Cuipek, Rev. Paul Mukasa, Deacon Rob Ciezki, Amanda Przyklek, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Dick Blake, Eileen Lyon, Katherine Sion-Wypij, Jennifer Golinski, Judy Shelley, Karin Dusza, Rachel Rizzo, Andrea Wahl.

Unexcused: None

The meeting was held in the parish meeting room and was called to order by President Warren Ristine at 7:00 PM. The opening prayer was presented by Dan Gerken. The Ss Peter & Paul Mission Statement was read by all. The October 21, 2024 Minutes were approved by all. Due to the Holy Day of Obligation on December 9, 2024, the parish council meeting for December was changed to December 2, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM. Warren will bring pizza and wings. He will send out a SignUpGenius for volunteers to bring other Christmas party items.

Old Business:

Sub Committee Signup - Warren emailed the subcommittees lists for which committee members signed up. Each list includes a description of the committee's responsibilities. One person from each committee needs to be elected in February or March to serve on the Selection Committee for new Pastoral Council members. Warren requested that he be made aware of the person selected by each subcommittee.

Opening Prayer Sign Up Feb/March/May - Prayer leaders are still needed for the months of February, March, and May. There is a link for the SignUpGenius on the November 18 agenda e-mail for this purpose.

New Parishioners Welcome – During the November meeting we talked about doing welcome bags for new parishioners and receptions for welcoming them. The outline for the pillars includes information about what the pillars will be doing for new parishioners. Under Radical Hospitality in the Administrative Pillar states, "...ensure administrative processes and that interactions are welcoming and supportive making all parishioners feel valued and heard." They plan to develop an informational packet for new parishioners that outlines everything they need to know about their new parish family. There is confusion about when the pillars are meeting. It was determined to reach out to Fr. Jim to get further clarification on this subject.

Kathryn Walsh - Walking Trail Support - Eileen Ryan contacted Steve Bremer from the Diocese of Buffalo Department of Buildings and Properties regarding the walking trail proposed by the Town of Hamburg Hiking Trail Committee. His written response was presented at the pastoral council meeting. Mr. Brenner brought up many legal issues involved in this project. He indicated a right of easement would be required, and a lease agreement would also need to be drawn up. This project would be very costly to Saints Peter and Paul. Also, Mr. Bremer pointed out that the DEC would need to get involved as Eighteen Mile Creek is a Class 1 protected waterway. It was determined that Ss. Peter and Paul cannot endorse the proposed hiking trail.

New Business- (see **Procedures And Facilities Subcommittee**)

Subcommittee Update

Fellowship Subcommittee–Kathy - Volunteers are needed to set up and take down before and after social ministry Christmas bazaar. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, December 5 from 6:30 until finished setting up and Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 until cleared. Kathy also mentioned that people with trucks are needed to transport leftover items from the bazaar to Savers at the McKinley Mall.

Discipleship Subcommittee–Sharon - There are 11 new parishioners for the month of October.

Ministry Support Subcommittee-Irene – no report

Procedures And Facilities Subcommittee - Cemetery-call from family member - Warren received a call from a parishioner, whose parents are buried in the church cemetery, that they have experienced vandalism. Pots were overturned, and the urn purchased for the cemetery plot was stolen. Kyle was able to find an urn to replace the one that was stolen. The couple was interested in knowing if there had been any suggestion of security cameras in the cemetery. Fr. Ted agreed that that was something that could be investigated and would discuss it with Kyle. Kathy suggested discussing the incident with the police to determine what can be to detour this behavior. Sharon suggested sensor lights being installed.

For the Good of the Parish

Fr. Ted announced that Saints Peter and Paul will be involved in the dedication of the Village of Hamburg Christmas crèche in Memorial Park on December 8 at 7:00 PM. Fr. Ted will be blessing the crèche. School students we'll be taking part in singing Christmas carols.

The Decorate the Church for Christmas party will take place on Sunday, December 22 after the 11:30 mass.

Fr. Ted suggest the possibility of having a safe driving class held at Ss Peter & Paul's. Joan said she would contact Ray Ammerman and the Safe Driving Academy.

The children's masses were discussed. There is a Children's Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month, and a Youth Ministry Mass for grades 3rd to 8th grade on the 4th Sunday of the Month where the students are involved in the ministries: reading, ushering, etc.

Adjournment

Warren led the members in the Road to Renewal Prayer.

Reminder that the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 at 6:00.

Sharon Keller is the prayer leader.

The meeting ended at 7:46.