

SS PETER AND PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2024

Attendees: Rev. Ted Jost, Charlie Gaughan, Dan Gerken, Greg Jones, Eileen Lyon, Joan Haag, Joe Burke, Katherine Nicaise-Steffen, Lori Baker, Leslie Brooks, Marcia De Fazio, Robert Coutch, Sharon Keller, Warren Restine.

Excused: Rev. Jim Ciupek, Rev. Paul Mukasa, Deacon Carl Koester, Deacon Rob Ciezki, Amanda Przyklek, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Colleen Stuart, Sharon Coutch, Dick Blake, Katherine Sion-Wypij, Jennifer Golinski, Judy Shelley, Karin Dusza, Rachel Rizzo, Andrea Wahl.

Unexcused: None

The meeting was held in the parish rectory and was called to order by President Warren Ristine at 7:00PM.

OPENING PRAYER:

Sharon Keller presented the opening prayer.

SSPP MISSION STATEMENT:

All read the Saints Peter and Paul Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The November 18, 2024, minutes were approved by all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREETER MINISTRY:

Fr. Ted proposed a Greeter Ministry before each Sunday Mass at Saints Peter and Paul. Greg has been greeting at the 11:30 Mass, on his own, for some time. Greg sees greeting as one form of evangelization. The suggestion was made to use people who are coming to church for a specific purpose to greet as well; for example, eucharistic ministers, readers of the word, ushers, etc.

The discussion also morphed into being aware of where items in the sacristy can be found as a means to help visiting priests find and set up those items that are necessary for the Celebration of the Mass.

Greg will report back on January 13 meeting regarding the Greeting Ministry. A letter from Greg, approved by Fr. Ted, was emailed to all SSPP Pastoral Members on December 18.

SISTER LOUISE

Warren mentioned that Irene sent out information on New Wine, New Wineskins session which was held virtually December 10.

ALPHA FOR ADULTS

For those interested, there are several Alpha for Adults training sessions available in early 2025:

- January 22 - virtual 2-hour training session on how to run Alpha put on by Alpha USA.
- February 2 - Start Alpha in Your Family. Continues for 10 weeks. (It will be 10 weeks instead of 11 so it finishes before Holy Week.)
- Saturday, March 22 - Alpha retreat.
- April 6 - last week of Alpha.

OLD BUSINESS:

IMPORTANT DATES

Christmas Bazaar - Kathy reported on the help still needed for the Christmas bazaar that takes place December 7 and 8 - The dates and time for setup and tearing down and help needed to transport leftovers to Savers at the McKinley Mall.

Village Parade, Nativity Decoration - An invitation by Fr. Ted to attend the dedication of the Village Manger scene at Memorial Park was extended.

Decorate the Church Party – Fr Ted is initiating a Decorate the Church for Christmas party. All members of the parish are invited after the 11:30 Mass on December 22 to help decorate the church for Christmas. This should be a parish event open to all ages who want to make the church beautiful for Christmas. It should be a fun event for all!

OPENING PRAYER SIGN-UP

Warren once again mentioned there are still opportunities for prayer leaders for the meetings held in March, April, and May. The SignUpGenius link is on the December 2 agenda.

FAMILY OF PARISHES ROAD TO RENEWAL UPDATE – “ETERNAL FLAME CATHOLIC COMMUNITY”

Administration Pillars - No Pillar information was available for this meeting.

St. Bernadette – St. Bernadette’s parish was formally presented with merger information by Bishop Fisher. St. Saint Bernadette has appealed the merger. The Bishop has 30 days to respond to the appeal. Saint Bernadette can then appeal to the Pope. The merger, which is to take place on March 25, will not take place until there is a response from Rome. Because this is a canonical process, there is no recourse to appeal civilly. Although we understand how the parishioners of Saint Bernadette feel about their parish, their lack of cooperation has put all of us in the family and the diocese in a state of limbo.

Eileen brought up the financial future for the parish. Because of the merger, there will be a reduction in Masses and priests. As a result of this reduction, income will

be reduced; but due to the mergers and lawsuits, financial responsibility is expected to go up. Many challenges face us in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Life in the Spirit Seminar – Greg informed the committee that this is a seven-week seminar through the Holy Spirit.

SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Fellowship Sub Committee–Kathy – no update

Discipleship Sub Committee–Sharon – no update

Ministry Support Sub Committee – Joe stated he took it upon himself the responsibility for this committee since the former committee members are no longer a member of the parish council. He spoke about updating the Parish directory and holding a Ministry Fair. These topics were being discussed last year.

Procedures and Facilities Sup Committee–Warren – no update

FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH (PARISHIONER/MEMBER'S CONCERNS):

St Vincent de Paul – Charlie said that they are exploring ways to incorporate SVdP outreach with SSPP outreach via the website.

The Zak Gerkin Band - Dan Gerkin reported that his son Zak. Donated the tip money tip to the SSPP outreach. It totaled \$650. He advertised this on social media in several of the venues where the band performs and they donated as well. Zak is planning to make this an annual event.

Adjournment

Warren led the members in the Road to Renewal Prayer.

Reminder that the next meeting will be held on Monday, January 13 at 7:00.

Joe Burke is the prayer leader.

The meeting ended at 8:00.