

## **SS PETER AND PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2025**

**Attendees:** Rev. Ted Jost, Deacon Carl Koester, Robert Coutch, Sharon Coutch, Dan Gerken, Greg Jones, Joan Haag, Eileen Lyon, Colleen Stuart, Joe Burke, Katherine Nicaise-Steffen, Lori Baker, Leslie Brooks, Marcia De Fazio, Sharon Keller, Warren Restine, Lori Haier.

**Excused:** Rev. Jim Ciupek, Rev. Paul Mukasa, Deacon Rob Ciezki, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Charlie Gaughan, Amanda Przyklek, Dick Blake, Judy Shelley, Katherine Sion-Wypij, Jennifer Golinski, Karin Dusza, Leslie Brooks, Rachael 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.

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Warren Ristine presented the opening prayer.

**SSPP MISSION STATEMENT:** was read by all.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The February 10, 2025 Minutes were approved by all.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Joan gave a shout out for the Hallow App. There is worship for everyone and their preferences.

Fr. Ted attended clergy update meeting at St. Stanislaus and shared the group prayer "Transform All Things in Christ." This is a faith sharing process for healing and response to closures, consolidations, or transitions. The serenity prayer from this pamphlet was used as the pastoral council meetings closing prayer.

Lori Haier reported on the merger at St John the Baptist and St Mary's. Social hours were held after the Masses at each church. Laurie mentioned that bulletin including St. John's and St. Mary's on the bulletin front page is helpful in transition/adjustment phase.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Selection Committee: Dan Gerken, Sharon Coutch, and Colleen Stewart volunteered to be members of the selection committee. They met with Warren for a few minutes after the meeting ended.

Ministry Fair May 17 & 18 – Joe:

Joe stated that a second letter went out regarding the ministry fair the question of other family parishes joining was brought up but since Saint Bernadette is disputing their merger status, it was felt it was better to wait until that is resolved. St. John's Altar and Rosary Society has been invited to the Ministry Fair. All parish families are invited.

Greeting Ministry – Greg/Joan:

Joan related that while greeting at the 4:00 Mass she was approached and questioned about the Greeting Ministry. It was stated that the Pastoral Council had no right to force Eucharistic Ministers to greet. It was explained that no one is forced to greet and anyone is welcomed to be a part of the ministry. It was discussed at the meeting that a word at the beginning of Mass inviting anyone so inclined to come into the Sacristy and grab a Greeter tag, pick an entry to the Church, put a smile on your face, and say "Hi" is welcomed to do so.

Life In The Spirit – Greg

Life in the Spirit is sponsored by the Charismatic Renewal of the Buffalo Diocese. It is being held at Saint Peter and Paul church for six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, May 21 and ending June 25. There will be a different speaker each week. Greg chose speakers who are familiar to the family of parishes members.

Family of Parishes Road To Renewal Update – “Eternal Flame Catholic Community”  
Pillar report was sent out by Irene.

Outreach reports that 254 families were aided by Outreach.

Prayer Warriors – Greg

Reported on how many people are in need of and requesting prayer and how many warriors are praying for those people. A blurb regarding this ministry is in the bulletin.

Mass Streaming – Colleen

Colleen is graduating and going on to college. She will need someone to take over her job of operating the computer for the streaming of Masses.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Social Ministry Chicken Barbeque – Theme Basket

Sharon will put together a basket for Pastoral Council. Members were asked to make a donation of \$10 to the cost of the basket.

Medical Emergency in Church – Joe

Due to a recent medical emergency at Mass, Joe questioned the need for a defibrillator. It was confirmed that there is a defibrillator in the church as well as a first aid kit. Eileen suggested that signs be put up as to their location.

**SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Fellowship Sub Committee – Kathy

Kathy found out that the woman at the Moose Lodge she dealt with previously no longer is involved with events. She also found out that June 29 is not available. As a result, the picnic will be held at SSPP this year.

Discipleship Sub Committee- Sharon

List of New Parishioner has been divided up for welcome basket delivery.

Ministry Support Sub Committee – Joe

There is nothing to add to what has already been discussed regarding the Ministry Fair.

Procedures and Facilities Sub Committee – Warren

Letters, names, and pamphlets are being updated.

**ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER:**

The prayer was lead by Fr. Ted. All recited the Serenity Prayer.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 in the Church.

Katherine is the prayer leader.

The meeting ended at 7:56