

SS PETER AND PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

Attendees: Rev. Ted Jost, Robert Coutch, Sharon Coutch, Charles Gaughan, Dan Gerken, Greg Jones, Joan Haag, Eileen Lyon, Joe Burke, Lori Baker, Leslie Brooks, Marcia De Fazio, Warren Restine, Chelaine Bauer.

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

Unexcused: None

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

Approval of the Minutes: The March 10, 2025 Minutes were approved by Dan Gerken and seconded by Rob Coutch. All approved the minutes.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ted said the opening prayer.

Reading of the Mission Statement: All read the Mission Statement.

Announcements:

March 23, 2025, Bulletin - Warren pointed out that 78 new families have been added to the SSPP Family. There was a discussion about how to welcome the new parishioners coming from St. John's and St. Mary's. Eileen suggested that question should be present to the two parishes as to how they would like to be welcomed. It was also suggested that at this time those parishioners may need time to go through the grieving process of having their parishes absorbed by SSPP. Greg suggested emphasizing the family parish name, The Eternal Flame Catholic Community, rather than SSPP or Nativity or St. Bernadette's. It was pointed out that acceptance of being a part of a family may become easier when the family of parishes bulletin is issued on May 25.

Old Business:

Selection Committee - Dan, Sharon, & Colleen: Dan stated that there is one name so far for the pastoral council election submitted by Leslie. That person is Chelaine Bauer. Chelaine is a Saint Peter and Paul School parent and a former Pastoral Council member at St. John's. There are two openings on the Pastoral Council, drawing will be held on May 18.

Ministry Fair May 17 & 18, 2025. All family churches are invited. Also, refreshments will be available. Each ministry is asked to provide a baked good.

Greeting Ministry - Greg: The Greeting Ministry is coming along well. People are signing up and covering entrances at Masses. Parishioners are becoming accustomed to being greeted.

Prayer Warriors - Greg: Greg also mentioned that the Prayer Warriors Ministry is growing. Nativity and SSPP are merging their prayer efforts. Fr. Ted also mentioned that the prayer chain intentions are being included in the petitions during the Mass.

Request for basket donation - social ministry chicken BBQ: The Pastoral Council theme basket is "Spring Cleaning." If anyone has further donations, please see Sharon.

AED First Kits – Lori: Lori spoke with Irene regarding location of the AED first aid kits. They are located across the hall from the gym. SSPP has only one AED first aid kit. Signs will be put up at all entrances to the church advising of location of the AED first aid kits. The expiration date was checked; the pads and battery have expired. To purchase another would cost between \$1000 and \$2000. It was suggested that a notice regarding the need for a new AED, pads, and battery be put in the bulletin. It was pointed out that people are willing to give to a cause when they know where the money is going.

Road to Renewal Update:

Family of Parishes Road to Renewal Update – “Eternal Flame Catholic Community”

Warren asked that the members of the Pastoral Council refer to the reports that were sent out to the Pastoral Council members as the report is 10 pages.

New Business:

None

Sub Committee Updates:

Fellowship Sub Committee – Kathy: Kathy was not at the meeting due to a conflict.

Warren mentioned that the social ministry chicken barbecue was being held on April 27.

The Celebration Mass is to be held on June 29, 11:30 Mass at SSPP. The sub committee is still working out the final details: will it be held outdoors or in the gym, food donations & sign-up sheets, placing a bulletin blurb, the need for a tent or not, etc.

Discipleship Sub Committee – Sharon: Fr. Paul Mukasa will be leaving Saint Peter and Paul on May 26.

There was discussion about what to give him as a going away gift. A donation of money was discussed.

The idea of having a reception with a gift card collection box on site would be a good idea.

Standing Committee Reports: Comments, Concerns, Questions?

Only a couple of reports were received and forwarded.

For the Good of the Parish

As raised by pastoral council members – None.

Call from parishioner about 7:30 mass – Warren: One parishioner is complaining that the 7:30 Mass is too long?

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

The Serenity Prayer was recited by all.

Next meeting - May 12, 2025, 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room, Opening Prayer – Joan

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.