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St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Parish Council Mtg Minutes

St. Peter's Parish Council

April 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started at 7:15 p.m. in Sappington Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jason Worley, Chuck O'Connor, Mike Riley, Mike Horrigan, Phil Burr, Lew Sherman, Ginny Abel, June Schabdach, Anita Gill, Sandy Ballantine, Sandy Gordon, Deacon John Martin, Jerry Jennings, and Laura Nisonger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Lilly.

Chuck O'Connor opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes from the March meeting were approved with two corrections - (Deacon John Martin was *present* at the March Parish Council meeting and Mary O'Connor's name was misspelled). Mike Riley moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Lew Sherman seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications:

- The Communications Committee had to reschedule their last meeting.
- Phil Burr has met with Doug Jackson to discuss the web site.

Development:

- A rendering of the memorial board will be enlarged and shown at this weekend's masses.
- Given the economic uncertainty, an effort to aggressively fundraise for the second capital campaign will be postponed for at least five months.
- A letter from Fr. Jason to the parishioners who have paid off their pledges should be sent expressing the parish's appreciation for their generosity.

Education:

- James Bible Study has 100 people attending – the study is being well received and is very convicting with practical applications for our spiritual lives.
- At the Vigil, we welcomed 7 adults into the Church that were previously baptized in other communities; we baptized 9 (3 adults and 6 children); 1 Confirmandi; 1 Profession of Faith and 2 First Communions.
- Materials for the lectionary-based program for the fall have been ordered. This program will run in conjunction with the Children's Religious Education program.

Evangelization:

- Sandy Gordon reported that the Lighthouse Catholic Media continues to be successful, with over 900 CDs sold to this point.
- She is working with FATA to develop a Welcome Folder for new parishioners. FATA has offered to provide the folders for free, based on the advertisements that will be sold and placed on the back of the folder itself.
- Steve Browning is the person who is in charge of the Greeter Program.

Finance:

- The meeting on the 22nd of March was cancelled and has been rescheduled for April 27th.

Liturgy:

- *Worthy of the Call* and *STAND* training is up-to-date for all of the altar servers.
- Fr. Jason has been trying to contact Fr. Stack to schedule a Healing Mass.
- June Schabdach has put a request in to Fr. Jason with regard to purchasing candles to be used during the Stations of the Cross.
- Next Liturgy Meeting is June 8th.

Maintenance:

- Lew Sherman is preparing a crew to fix the cracks in the walls of the Parish Office Building.
- The rectory's back porch needs to be replaced or repaired.
- The railroad ties that are used to protect the grass along the parking areas should be repaired or replaced with timbers.
- The fence and retaining wall leading into the basement of the Parish Office Building needs to be replaced. This might be a good Eagle Scout Project.
- There is an Eagle Scout that is working on a new mission bin at the Thrift Shop.

Planning:

- The bathroom fixtures in the church are being installed by Moxley Plumbing.
- The sacarium has yet to be installed.

Social Concerns:

Parish Nurse Program:

- A Domestic Violence Awareness program was presented to Jr. Spy, SPY, and adult parishioners by three members from Heartly House. Harry Ford thought the youth responded well. Eight adults attended the presentation in the church.
- Marybeth thought the Social Worker/Hotline supervisor was excellent.
- Marybeth hopes to provide a survey in the fall to see what other programs people may be interested in supporting. There may be a possible expense if we use an on-line survey tool (e.g. Survey Monkey)
- Bob Lilley is hoping to start a group for caregivers.

Card Ministry:

- The purpose is to send cards to sick, homebound, and those who have suffered a death.
- Beverly Dean is coordinating this effort.
 - Beverly is recovering from a serious accident with a fractured ankle.
 - Marybeth would like to remind all that she is available for help if Parish Council or parishioners know of anyone who could use a visit.
- Already have some cards; main need will be for postage.
- Projection of about \$100.00 a year for supplies.

Budget:

- Ginny Abel talked with Liz Hunter about the budget process for Social Concerns issues.
 - Agreed that instead of trying to submit amounts for the coming year, to hold back some money, (\$2000-3000), then person brings request to PC rep for Social concerns, need is brought to the PC for approval, OK given, item bought and reimbursed or check procured for item.
- Fr. Jason and a few people meet twice a year to disburse funds.
 - Funds come from St. Vincent de Paul society and Thrift shop
 - Present \$ from St. Vincent de Paul = \$33,000
 - Present money from Thrift Shop = \$21,000
 - Total at present = \$52,000
- Try to zero out each year
- Disburse to various charities
- Need to keep back some for parish nurse and other social concerns needs in parish
- AED paid for out of Social Concerns money – about \$1500
- Also prepared to spend about \$400 for CPR training for ushers

“Haiti Committee”:

- There has been a “Haiti Committee” formed under the Social Concerns Committee to fundraise for the St. Joseph’s Orphanage in Haiti.
- One of the ideas of the Haiti Committee is to host a dinner at St. Peter’s to publicize the current conditions in Haiti and the needs of the orphanage. The invited guests would include pastors, priests, and seminarians from the local area. The Council advised that Sappington Hall would be available (depending on the dates) for use for the dinners.
- A fall walkathon is also being planned as a fundraiser for St. Joseph’s Orphanage. Dorothy Pollock is the person in charge of this effort.

OLD BUSINESS**Coffee and Donuts Sunday:**

- The Landscaping Committee will be featured at Coffee and Donuts this Sunday. They will be looking for volunteers to help with landscaping projects throughout the year.

- Lew Sherman, Chuck O'Connor, and Ruth Riley assessed the landscaping needs of the campus.
- May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m., the Flower Committee is holding a Garden Tea Party in Sappington Hall. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Flower Ministry to beautify the church throughout the year.

Time and Talents Survey/Checking the Pulse of the Parish:

- Fr. Jason is in communication with a friend who is coordinating a time and talents survey for the parish. Amy Uranachek, from Pair Consulting, has offered to work on this project *pro bono*.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Council Elections:

- The Nominating Committee (Phil Burr/Mike Riley/Mike Horrigan) is still seeking nominations for potential members for the Parish Council.
- Sandy Ballantine suggested that the Council members personally invite persons to run for Parish Council.
- The biographies of the potential candidates must be published in the bulletin for three consecutive weeks before the election.

Memorial to be made in Honor of Ed Sadler:

- Jo Sadler will be moving to Ohio in the coming weeks. Sandy Gordon was asked to send a card from the Parish Council thanking her for all she has done for the parish. In appreciation for all that the Sadler family has done for St. Peter's, the processional candles used during the Stations of the Cross, will be memorialized in Ed's name.
- We would like to recognize Jo Sadler at the 11:00 mass in the next week or two. The Ladies' Club will be invited to attend and the announcement regarding the memorial will be given at that time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Chuck O'Connor offered his thanks to the Liturgy Committee, Flower Committee, Music Ministry, and the Hand Maids, for all of their efforts during the Holy Week services.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Fr. Jason echoed Chuck's sentiments regarding the beauty of the Triduum and Holy Week.

A new youth minister has been hired to take the place of Harry Ford. Kenn DeMoll is currently the youth minister at St. John's in Westminster. Kenn will officially begin at St. Peter's on July 1st.

The collections for Holy Week totaled \$39,000. The collections for the Easter Vigil

and Easter Sunday totaled \$29,000.

The attendance at Holy Weeks services were:

Palm Sunday

5:30 p.m. Saturday – 311

7:15 a.m. - 170

9:00 a.m. - 606

11:00 a.m. - 602

5:45 p.m. - 275

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. - 428

7:00 p.m. - 727

Easter Vigil - 438

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. - 205

8:30 a.m. - 520

10:00 a.m. - 809

11:00 a.m. - 839

Mike Horrigan ended the Parish Council meeting with a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Sandy Gordon.

Parish Mission Statement (rev. 3/05)

We the people of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Community are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to grow in faith, celebrate hope, and experience His loving presence in our midst. Drawing our life from the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to follow God's Word by supporting one another, continuing our faith formation, promoting social justice, reaching out in service, and inviting others to share in our journey.

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