

St. Peter's Pastoral Council

May 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started at 7:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ginny Abel, Steve Browning, Alan Duke, Sandy Gordon, Robyn Jacobs, Deacon Jerry Jennings, Bob Lilly, Kelly McGuire, Chuck O'Connor, Mary Rash, Lew Sherman, and Patrick Tramma.

MEMBER ABSENT: Fr. Jason Worley

Lew Sherman opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: Alan Duke moved to approve the minutes from the April pastoral council meeting, Chuck O'Connor seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications: No report.

Development: No report.

Education:

- See attached.

Evangelization:

- We are in the process of planning our next Evangelization committee meeting. At that time we will discuss the welcoming process for new parishioners and the possibility of a welcome luncheon.

Finance:

- No report.

Liturgy:

- See attached.

Maintenance:

- Rick Heiland has been working on the iron fence that was located on the left side of the old church entrance which existed before the fire. Rick has sandblasted and painted all of the metal. He plans to reinstall the iron fence this summer. Rick volunteered quite some time ago to do this project.
- Almost all of the mulching was completed last weekend. More mulch will be laid once additional mulch is delivered to the campus.

Planning:

- No report.

Social Concerns:

- Parish Nurse Report (Mary Beth Terrell). “AED: I have reviewed the state AED program and it requires formal records and weekly inspection of the AEDs. I have done close to weekly checks of the AED in church for the past two years. I had not registered it with the state and not kept a written record of my checks. Now that there are three and the other two are in locked locations that I do not have access to, I cannot be responsible for the inspections. Possible solution: a volunteer who may be a parishioner and a member of the Libertytown Fire/Rescue group who would handle this for us. Several churches have such volunteers. Adventist Healthcare offers the service for \$300/year.
- CPR training of the staff was two years ago. It is time for renewal. I will forward the information to Theresa. I have investigated a class for the general public offered through St. Peter’s. He is available on a choice of dates in May and June for a three hour class in an evening. Cost \$45 /person based on a class of 10. Last time, I did not get any response so no general public class was held. Previous staff class taught by Healthfirst 301-473-5670.
- “Get My People Going” class had 8 register. Three attended regularly along with two members of the Health Ministry group. We have completed the class.
- Bereavement Ministry has the names of fifteen parishioners who have had a family loss in 2011 or through March of 2012. They will all receive an invitation to the first session of the bereavement support group, “Seasons of Hope”. This is a Catholic based grief support group program that runs for six weeks, starting May 9. Will plan to offer again in the fall.
- Report from Harry Ford: “Harry attended the meeting of the Archdiocesan Immigration Committee which was held in this area for the first time. They wanted to tell us of their existence, find out some of our concerns, and see if any people were interested in attending the normal meeting. One of the interesting facts to be discussed was the increasing number of Latino, but also African (not African-American), and Asian populations. Several action items came out of the meeting, none of which immediately affects St. Peter’s. Several of us, myself included, expressed interest in attending the monthly Archdiocesan meeting somewhere in Baltimore. There were about 30-40 people in attendance.
- The first week of the same-sex marriage bill petition went well, thanks to the help of many people. So far, we’ve collected about 300-350 signatures. We will do one more week. We passed out information as to how people can obtain the ballot on-line. Everyone was very understanding and patient, even if they had to re-sign the petition.

- A planning meeting is scheduled for May 8th to look at all the upcoming issues and how we can be more effective advocates for the Church's position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Directory

- LifeTouch Studios will be publishing our parish pictorial directory this year. Phone calls have been made to families of the parish to encourage them to sign up for a time slot for their portraits to be taken. In addition, information has been placed on the parish website regarding sign-up times and pertinent details.

Rewriting of the Constitution of the Pastoral Council

- See attached Pastoral Council Constitution (revised 2012)

Nomination Committee

- Pastoral council elections will be held after all of the Masses on the weekend of May 19-20, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Seton Vicariate Central Area Parishes

- Strategic Planning Assembly – Saturday, 4/21/2012. See Handouts. Pastoral Council members in attendance were Attending: Deacon John, Deacon Jerry, Mary Rash, Kelly McGuire, Alan Duke, and Ginny Abel.
- Tom Little will send each parish a focus question to be answered by the June 23rd meeting. This involves collaboration among the various parishes. This is an outreach

from the Priest Planning Document that was published in preparation for the priest shortage in the coming years.

- Next meeting – June 23, 2012.

PLANS FOR JUNE MEETING – June 5, 2012

- The June 5th pastoral council meeting will consist of a picnic, review/approval of parish budget, introduction of newly elected and appointed Pastoral Council members for 2012-2013 year, and recognition of outgoing members.

INSTALLATION OF NEW ARCHBISHOP

- The installation of our new archbishop, William E. Lori, will occur on May 16th, 2012 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

Chuck O'Connor ended the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 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.