

St. Peter's Pastoral Council

April 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

- A majority of the voting council being present, the meeting was called to order by the President at 7:05 PM.
- Fr. Jason opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Fr. Jason Worley, Deacon Jerry Jennings, Deacon John Martin, Ginny Abel, Steve Browning, Alan Duke, Sandy Gordon, Bob Gorman, Robyn Jacobs, Bob Lilly, Kelly McGuire, Mary Rash, and Patrick Tramma.

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Meredith Rubeling.
- One seat is vacant.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Deacon John just noted that he would give the Convoy of Hope materials to Fr. Jason and Al Duke for their review. He noted that other Catholic parishes are participating.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the January and March 2013 meetings were approved, without changes, on a motion by Bob Gorman, seconded by Steve Browning, and by a vote of 9-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

- The President received a communication from Caitlin Buchheit resigning her seat on the Pastoral Council due to family and work considerations. Bob Gorman being the next leading vote getter at the last election was asked if he would fill the remainder of Ms. Buchheit's term, and he agreed to do so.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Fr. Jason stated that the Holy Week and Easter services went very well
- Fr. Jason indicated that our seminarians, like all college students, have certain financial requirements, but with less ability to obtain funds. He thought an occasional, perhaps annual, second collection for the parish to assist them with a monetary donation would be worth consideration by the Parish Council.
- Fr. Jason also brought up that we need to think about encouraging vocations. Perhaps a vocations team would be useful. The Pastoral Council could sponsor a vocations night or

dinner. We could also do a Holy Hour for vocations led by the director of vocations for the diocese or from a religious order. October might be a good time frame for an event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications

- Next meeting is April 4. Nothing to report at this time. Goals presented.

Development

- Has not met yet and has not established goals at this time. Preliminary goals presented.

Education

- Goals presented.

Evangelization

- Goals presented.

Finance

- Goals presented.

Liturgy

- Next meeting will be in May. Goals presented.

Maintenance

- Has not met yet and has not established goals at this time. Preliminary goals presented.

Planning

- Next meeting not yet set. Goals presented.

Social Concerns:

- Next meeting not yet set. Goals presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Mass Times

- There was a long discussion of a number of issues. Where is our focus for Sunday morning? We need to move our focus from maintenance to mission. Our focus should be on the message of the Gospel. Another focus needs to be on educating the youth in the faith and accommodating the mission of Religious Education to make the program better.
- Fr. Jason suggested the Pastoral Council members all read the book Rebuilt, by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, to be followed at some point by discussions of the concepts presented in the book with respect to the mission of the church, the parish, and the community.

Ministry Fair

- Sandy Gordon presented how the Evangelization Committee was going to set up the Parish Center for the event. Advertisement of the event will be in the bulletin, announcements, on Facebook, and in an email blast. The people who work on donut Sundays are on board for the event as well.

Election/Nominating Committee

- Five people are on the ballot for the Pastoral Council election. The election will be held in May.

Confederate flags in the Cemetery

- The Pastoral Council presented various options with respect to flags in the cemetery. Father decided that the best option was to allow organizations that currently place flags on graves in the cemetery to be approved (grandfathered in) but that any other organization that wants to place flags on graves would need to request permission from the parish to do so. It being understood, however, that families could place flags on graves of family members and approve/reject flags being placed on family graves.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary

- Due to the resignation of the Secretary, and rather than appointing someone to perform those duties for a short period, Al Duke said that he would temporarily act as Secretary until the next Secretary is elected.

ADJOURNMENT

- Pat Tramma made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ginny Abel. By a vote of 9-0, the meeting was adjourned.
- Deacon John Martin said the closing prayer.
- The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Duke.

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.