

# **St. Peter's Pastoral Council**

## **March 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- A majority of the voting council being present, the meeting was called to order by the President at 9:25 AM.
- Deacon John Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Deacon John Martin, Deacon Jerry Jennings, Steve Browning, Alan Duke, Sandy Gordon, Bob Gorman, Virginia Grant, Kelly McGuire, Mary Rash, Stephanie Rubeling, Patrick Tramma, Joseph Whelan

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

- Fr. Jason Worley, John Miller, Robyn Jacobs

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- No additions to the agenda were made

### **MINUTES**

- The minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting were approved, without changes, on a motion by Steve Browning, seconded by Bob Gorman, and by a vote of 9-0.

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

- Deacon Jerry noted that he has that he has received two correspondences regarding concerns that parishioners have with some of the Social Concerns Committee's initiatives. The first was regarding the information talk on the Affordable Care Act, and the second was regarding the rice bowls. Deacon Jerry noted that these were both coordinated with the Archdiocese, and that he has been coordinating his response with Father Jason.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Father Jason was not present for this meeting.
- Alan Duke noted that June 7, 2014 is Father Jason's 15 year anniversary as a priest. There will be a reception for his following the 5:30pm Mass that evening. He also noted that Father has stated that he does not want this to be solely about himself, but about vocations. The Parish staff are working out the details; they are planning a similar format to the volunteer dinner.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Comments on St. John Cantius Video**
  - This was a video about a Chicago parish that was facing numerous maintenance issues and low church attendance.

- St. Peter's has a different set of challenges that the St. John Cantius, however we can still learn from their journey.
  - This was a long term process
  - Focus on the Eucharist: parishioners living good lives in the secular world
  - Don't try to do too much at once: focus on prioritized needs and address them well.
    - For St. Peters our initial focus will be on the H.O.M.E Campaign and Sacred Sundays
- **Nomination of Candidates**
  - 3 year terms ending: Kelly McGuire, Pat Tramma, Al Duke
  - 1 year terms ending: Virginia Grant, Steve Browning, Robyn Jacobs
  - Nomination Committee: Kelly plus two other members
    - Virginia Grant volunteered to be on the committee
      - Virginia Grant presented a list of parishioners
  - Vote Counters
    - Cannot be anyone up for election
    - Counting will take place after masses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May
    - Action Item: Pastoral Council Members will check their schedules to determine availability to count.
- **Ministry Fair**
  - Will be held May 17-18 after all masses.
  - Format will be the same as last year. The Pastoral Council table will need to be staffed after all masses.
- **Cooperative Sunday breakfast(s) with Libertytown VFD**
  - Libertytown VFD wants to partner with St. Peters for one or more of their Sunday breakfasts. Libertytown VFD will cook/staff the breakfast. They want St. Peters to advertize to the parish. If St. Peters sends a certain number of people to the breakfast Libertytown VFD will donate half of the net profit from the event.
  - Libertytown VFD would like to attempt this starting next Fall.
    - The Pastoral Council expressed concern that this could conflict with our Sacred Sundays initiative to keep parishioners on campus on Sundays.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Sacred Sunday**
  - The parish needs to be polled on the new mass times (8 and 11am vs 8:30 and 11:30)
  - This vote may take place at the same time as the Pastoral Council elections

- New mass times will be set by the end of the religious education year.
- Father Jason wants this to be a joyful process; the focus should be on making Sunday sacred.
- **Lenten Meals**
  - The Lenten Fish Fries begin March 21. An e-mail has been sent out to the Parish e-mail blast. Volunteers can sign up using the on-line tool linked in the e-mail.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Communications**
  - Nothing to Report
  - Robyn Jacobs was absent the Communications Committee goals were not reported during this meeting; they will be presented during the April meeting
- **Development**
  - The HOME Campaign is preparing for the final execution and closeout in April 2014
  - See the appended Development Committee Goals for FY14 and FY15 Goals
- **Education**
  - Al Duke presented the FY14 and FY15 Education Committee Goals
    - Refer to the appended Education Committee Goals FY 2014 and 2015 for details
  - The Pastoral Council would like to see track-able metrics in the future (numbers of children/teens/adults enrolled etc.)
- **Evangelization**
  - The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2014.
  - Sandy Gordon presented the FY14 and FY15 Evangelization Committee Goals
    - Refer to the appended Evangelization Committee Goals FY2014 and 2015 for details
  - Patrick Tramma noted that it would be helpful to parents with small children if there could be child care for the next Parish Mission.
  - Stephanie Rubeling noted that we could hold parish missions when vocations from St. Peters are being ordained or professing final vows.
- **Finance**
  - Bob Gorman noted that the Finance committee had not held a meeting since January 2014.
  - He noted that the Finance Committee has worked over the past year to simplify the budget. They have also worked in conjunction with the Development Committee to initiate the H.O.M.E. Campaign.
  - The Finance Committee has also worked on presenting fiscal data to the parish.

- The Goal for the coming year is to begin getting more committee input into the budget process.
- **Liturgy**
  - Deacon Jerry presented the FY14 and FY15 Evangelization Committee Goals
    - Refer to the appended Liturgy Committee Goals FY2014 and 2015 for details
      - The goals for the upcoming year are the same as last years with the addition of a focus on Sacred Sundays
- **Maintenance**
  - Patrick Tramma presented the FY14 and FY15 Maintenance Committee Goals
    - Refer to the appended Maintenance Committee Goals FY2014 and 2015 for details.
- **Planning**
  - Steve Browning and Al Duke presented the FY14 and FY15 Planning Committee Goals
    - Refer to the appended Planning Committee Goals FY2014 and 2015 for detail.
    - Steve noted that the Planning Committee has been working on fostering relationships with the Finance and Development Committees.
- **Social Concerns**
  - Deacon Jerry presented the FY14 and FY15 Social Concerns Committee Goals
    - Refer to the Social Concerns Committee Goals FY2014 and 2015 for details
- **ADJOURNMENT**
  - Sandy Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kelly McGuire. By a vote of 8-0, the meeting was adjourned.
  - Deacon Jerry Jennings said the closing prayer.
  - The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be April 1, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joseph Whelan.

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.*