

St. Peter's Pastoral Council

February 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Lew Sherman

Kelly McGuire opened the meeting with the St. Michael the Archangel prayer.

MINUTES: Patrick Tramma moved to approve the minutes from the January pastoral council meeting, Bob Lilly seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chuck O'Connor has been appointed for a one-year term to the pastoral council by Fr. Jason. Ginny Abel thanked Chuck for his acceptance of the appointment and for his many years of service to the parish.
- Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to the parishioners of St. Peter's for a parish census. Volunteers are asked to meet Wednesday, February 8th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday, February 16th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Birch Library.
- A meeting was held on January 9, 2012 at Holy Family Parish to discuss the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. A training session was given by archdiocesan officials on how to fundraise for the Appeal. The in-pew drive for the Appeal occurred this past weekend at the Masses. Last year, 25% of the parish participated in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the average gift was \$182.
- The Area Parish Planning Session was held at St. John's on January 7th, 2012. Each parish in Frederick County that is in our "cluster" was represented at the meeting. Discussions were held regarding the strengths of each parish and the areas that are in need of improvement.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Fr. Jason discussed the importance of speaking out against the U.S. Health and Human Service's mandate. The mandate states that starting next year all employers, even religious organizations, which provide health plans to their employees, would be required to include preventative reproductive health services (sterilization and contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs). Fr. Jason plans to work with pro-life groups to help our parishioners to become better informed and to take action.
- Fr. Jason is working with Harry Ford and the Social Concerns Committee to encourage parishioners to attend the rally in Annapolis on February 19th. The purpose of the rally is to learn about important legislative issues and to lobby lawmakers on pro-life, social justice, and educational concerns.
- Fr. Jason announced that we will begin to say the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the conclusion of each Mass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications:

- See report.
- A representative from Lifetouch Studios met with Robyn Jacobs to discuss the details of publishing a parish directory. Patrick Tramma made a motion that the Communications Committee proceed with signing a contract with Lifetouch Studios to publish the parish directory. Kelly McGuire seconded the motion. It was agreed that the best time to begin this project would be the third week of April or beginning of May.
- The Council thanked Robyn Jacobs and Kelly McGuire for their efforts in re-establishing the Communications Committee and for their work to prioritize the goals of the committee.

Development:

- There is a meeting next week with Matt Anthony from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The meeting is regarding the upcoming Archdiocesan capital campaign, "Embracing the Divine Within."
- The memorial board containing the names of those individuals who donated money for the re-building of the church is being finalized.
- The pastoral council had a discussion regarding the fact that the Archdiocese has agreed to allow St. Peter's to apply all monies raised by our parish for the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal to the principle of the church mortgage.

Education:

- See report.

Evangelization:

- See report.

Finance:

- No report.

Liturgy:

- See report.
- The Council had a discussion concerning the Lenten meals at St. Peter's. It was agreed that the Lenten meals provide a wonderful opportunity for parish fellowship and can also be a good fundraising opportunity. It was suggested that we begin to advertise in the local newspapers, to increase the number of people who attend the dinners. Mary Rash will discuss this with the Ladies' Club, as well as the various groups who help with the Lenten meals.

Maintenance:

- Aaron Norris, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle project, will build a new shed for Thrift Shop storage. He has obtained Fr. Jason's permission and has met with Jean and Lew Sherman on specifications, time table, etc. This shed is urgently needed by the Thrift Shop. Donations are far exceeding shop and storage capacities, particularly with seasonal items. There should be no cost to the parish for this project.

Planning:

- See report.

Social Concerns:

- See report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Use of Narthex (Due to time constraints, the discussion will be held at a later meeting).

REVIEW OF "CALLED TO SERVE, GIFTED TO LEAD: THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL" – A document from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The council discussed the Membership of the Pastoral Council (Slides #53-62) and discussed the way that St. Peter's conducts its election process.

- Deacon John Martin suggested that we encourage the members of our parish to prayerfully consider running for pastoral council. Perhaps printing prayer cards to assist with this effort should be considered.
- The personal invitation to join the Council is paramount, as well as encouraging the invited person to prayerfully discern where and how they are called to serve the parish.
- The Vice President of Council chairs the Nominating Committee. He/she along with two other council members are in charge of running the election.
- A discussion was held regarding the election process and the length of terms. It was agreed that the members of Council will send any suggestions with regard to changing the current process/length of terms to Patrick Tramma.
- A vote will be held at the March pastoral council meeting with regard to changes that may be made to the Constitution regarding the election process.

Patrick Tramma motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve Browning seconded the motion.

Kelly McGuire ended the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 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.