

Saints Peter and Paul Parish – Waterloo, IL
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2010

Sign of a Christian Community

Community building – How do our decisions foster a sense of welcome and belonging?

Worship – How do our choices promote better liturgical celebrations and greater praise of God?

Evangelization – How do we continue to share the Catholic faith within our parish and our community?

Service – How do we reach out in justice and service to our staff, parishioners, community and the world?

Attending

Deacon Doug Boyer (Permanent Deacon) Karen Seaborn (Pastoral Associate)
Fr Osang Idagbo, C.M. (Parish Administrator)
Randy Kaiser (11)
Carol Postlewait (Trustee)
Connie Lutz (10)
Lois Thompson (PSR Board)
Jerry Wolkiewicz (Trustee)
Tony Morris (12)
Ken Carrico (12)
Darren Mechler (School Board)

Absent

David Miskell (10)
Fr Stan Konieczny (Associate Pastor)
Chris Purcell (12)

Bonnie Garner (11)

Opening Prayer

March Meeting Minutes Reviewed and Approved.

Active Business

1. Discussed current years actual to budget as well as 2011 Budget
 - a. Budget approved by council by consensus
 - b. Tony to give state of the Parish address during Masses on an upcoming Sunday (late April).
2. Pastoral Plan
 - a. Father will look into possible work/retreat day to redefine goals (sometime after school lets out)
3. Carpet for church –
 - a. Carpet samples have not shown up
 - b. Letter to Parish needs to be sent out in May
 - c. Anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$20,000.00
4. Discernment Process for 2010 to 2011 Committee Positions
 - a. Note will be put into this week's bulletin indicating upcoming discernment process and listing open positions in the various Parish councils/boards.
 - i. School Board – 2 openings
 - ii. Finance – 2
 - iii. Pastoral Council – 2
 - iv. PSR – 2

Standing Reports

1. SPPS Report – (Darren Mechler)

- SPPS Gala was a major success. The profit from the gala was \$82,000, up from \$63,900 in 2009. The teacher request items were very successful and led to a portion of our success.
- Strategic Plan Committee will meet with seven school families on Wednesday April 14th. They will be interviewed to see what we do right and how we can improve on the total offering the school provides.
- Tuition increase of \$200.00 per student for the 2010/2011 school year.
- Waterloo School District will not begin their fall 2010 school year until September 7th and will dismiss tentatively on June 13th. We are evaluating our start and stop dates over the next 30 days. We will survey the school parents to get their input, but we would like to maintain our normal start and stop dates if at all possible.

2. Cemetery – (Ken Carico)

- We have hired Ruehmer Ruemker to handle the maintenance and they will oversee the opening and closing of graves (they work with Mueller excavating for this part).

- We will organize a crew to work on the drainage problem (north to south first). The east to west problem is a bigger project and we hope to tackle sometime this summer.
- Paul Callahan is confident the statues will be in place prior to the Memorial Mass.
- New Diocesan guidelines have been adopted in regards to selling of plots. Waiting on Diocese to send sample contract.

3. Finance Council – (Tony Morris)

- We are looking at a combined deficit of \$28,500. This will be the third year of deficit spending so we can't continue on this path. We can't cut expenses any further without cutting services and everyone agreed that would not be good. We started this fiscal year with approx \$140,000 in cash. Our deficit for the fiscal year is projecting at \$30,000 to \$35,000 depending on contributions for the remaining fiscal year and on the picnic. That would bring our starting cash for next fiscal year down to \$110,000. That leaves us with increasing revenue. We were a little conservative on some of the income and did not enter any income for bingo. Although bingo looks like it could be profitable in March again. We broke down the \$28,000 deficit by parish family. If we consider all 1,200 families, the deficit is \$24.00/ year in income (collections, fundraising, etc) . If you use the number of 400 families (regular contributors) the number jumps to \$70/year in income. Not huge numbers but it is hard going to the same people and asking for more money

4. Youth Ministry – (Connie Lutz)

- Luke 18 held in March went well. Meeting this week between Tom and Dawn Helfrich and the commission, to go over notes in prep for next year.
- Diocesan Youth conference: attended by 6 of our youth. Emily Morris and Kyle Prader received awards, and participated in the planning / coordination of the conference. Congratulations!
- Next big focus of the commission will be for the Cairo trip. (Tentatively scheduled for the week of July 7-16.)
- Our youth ministry commission includes 5 people: Donna Burns chair, Johnnie Kae Blattner, Paula Beasley, Michelle Pfershy, and Linda Sanders. Donna recently passed the chairmanship to Paula. This is only a temporary arrangement.
- Plans are for an expanded commission membership.

5. PSR – (Anita Toth)

- Our PSR Lenten Shoe Drive was very successful! We collected over 1200 pairs of shoes that were donated to "The Shoeman" ministries. The shoes will be sold and the money collected will be used for drilling equipment to bring clean water to Haiti earthquake victims.
- Registration for the 2010-2011 PSR year will begin April 21. Registration fees will remain unchanged from last year. Parish budget processes and procedures were reviewed by the Advisory board to adhere to guidelines in place for all parish organizations. Plans to have representation on parish board and councils were also discussed.
- Anita Toth has committed to the PSR Coordinator position for one more year. She made a proposal to the Finance Council to consider a higher stipend to the PSR program so that the Coordinator position will have a more just pay to accurately reflect the hours worked so that the program continues to run more effectively and efficiently.

6. Adult Formation – (Karen Seaborn)

- RCIA: Easter Vigil brought two baptisms and one reception into the Church here at Ss. Peter & Paul. One of our candidates is a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church in Tipton and chose to be received into the Church at her own parish on Easter Vigil. We also had a convalidation of a marriage that evening. The group will continue to meet until the end of April. On another note, we have three or four ladies already signed up for RCIA next year!
- JustFaith: This group is also winding down. After meeting for almost 30 weeks, we will complete this program at the end of April by attending a closing retreat and our final immersion experience in Belleville meeting with some Hispanic people, listening to their stories and sharing a meal.
- Oasis: Continuing to meet monthly in the SPPS Cafeteria. The group has a trip scheduled to tour Our Lady of Snows Shrine early next month.
- Confirmation: The Confirmation candidates and their parents participated in a Retreat presented by the Reap Team from the Archdiocese of St. Louis on March 20 held at Gibault Catholic High School. It was an energetic day and evaluations by students, as well as comments by parents all indicated it was a successful day together.
- Book Discussions: Our next book discussion will be held sometime in May or June. The group has decided to read In Memoriam by Henri J. M. Nouwen.
- Adult Children of Aging Parents: Aware that we have a number of parishioners who are in this position, I have ordered some materials for beginning a support and faith sharing group specific to those dealing with this issue. I am hoping to get a group going this summer.

- Catechist Certification: There are a few PSR catechists who need to complete their Apprentice Certification. The missing classes will be offered May 19 at the closing PSR Catechist meeting.
- Marriage Enrichment: The Belleville Marriage Encounter group has begun planning a Non-residential Marriage Encounter weekend for September 2010 which will be held at Gibault Catholic High School. Couples will attend presentations during the day and evening, and return to their homes to sleep. More information will follow and it is hoped that many couples in our parish will take advantage of this first-time ever event in our area.

7. St. Vincent DePaul Society – (Randy Kaiser)

8. Maintenance – (Chris Purcell) nothing new

9. Service – (Bonnie Garner) nothing new

10. Stewardship – (Tony Morris)

- A Disciples Response - It is believed all members of the committee have books now. If not please let Tony know as he has two extra copies. We will read through this book over the next few months and devote a portion of upcoming meetings discussion. Next month's assignment is to read through page 10. We will use the reflection and discussion questions at the end of the chapter as a launching point for our discussion.
- It was decided that Tony would contact Father Osang to discuss announcing the re-formation of the Stewardship Committee and about getting the Prayer Committee started. The goal would be for Father Osang, or someone, to designate what the prayer committee would be praying for each week.
- The Ministry Fair has been confirmed for the weekend of Oct 9 & 10th. Joanne agreed to draft a document outlining what needs to occur to get this going. She will send this out prior to the next meeting.

11. Worship/Liturgy – (Deacon Doug)

- Absence of an active Stewardship has caused some ministries to suffer.

12. AFC – (Carol Postlewait)

- Cosgriff conducted face-to-face interviews from March 15-18 with 32 parishioners.
- Mail surveys were due back to Cosgriff by March 30. The survey was also available on the parish web site.
- Interviews are taking place with design/consulting firms

Other Items:

- **Parish Directory** – Patti Stirneman has volunteered to coordinate. Will contact Olan Mills and Lifetouch to determine which is best.
- **Rosary in May** – Sign-up sheet is out and several dates have been taken.
- Discussed putting together a list for memorial donations (list of Parish items that people wishing to make memorial donations could donate towards.)
 - Send ideas to Jerry or Bob W.
 - Look into putting Parish envelopes at Quernheim's for Parishioner' memorials
- Blessed Art will have short presentation prior to Masses on May 1st and 2nd.
- Considering Novena and/or other events for Parish feast day which is June 29th.
 - Send ideas to Father Osang

Review Assignments

Time and Place Next Meeting: April 13, 2010 at 7 pm

Adjournment