

Saints Peter and Paul Parish – Waterloo, IL

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes for February 9, 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

Bonnie Garner (11)

Chris Purcell (12)

Fr Osang Idagbo, C.M. (Parish Administrator)

Carol Postlewait (Trustee)

Connie Lutz (10)

Deacon Doug Boyer (Permanent Deacon)

Fr Stan Konieczny (Associate Pastor)

David Miskell (10)

Ken Carrico (12)

Darren Mechler (School Board)

Lois Thompson (PSR Board)

Jerry Wolkiewicz (Trustee)

Absent

Randy Kaiser (11)

Karen Seaborn (Pastoral Associate)

Tony Morris (12)

Opening Prayer

January Meeting Minutes Reviewed and Approved.

Active Business

- 1. Chairperson Needed for Picnic and Vacation Bible School**
- 2. Pastoral Plan –**
- 3. Trustee: Cemetery Drainage –Catholic Community Foundation of Belleville –**
- 4. Organizing Drivers for parishioners who wish to attend Sunday Mass –**
- 5. Catholic Social Services –**
- 6. 2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal –**

Standing Reports

1. SPPS Report – (Darren Mechler)

- Special school board meeting held on January 19th to develop a Strategic/Business Planning process for the school. The board developed a “SWOT” (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis as we see it. The teachers are in the process of developing their own SWOT analysis and it should be completed by Feb. 14th. The board will gather for an additional meeting to put all the information together on Feb. 16th. We will then determine how many parents and perspective parents will be interviewed to get their input.
- Gala invitations have been sent out. The school board will have two auction items for the auction; VIP Table at the gala, Homecoming Parade party to include food, beverages, bleachers, tents, ride tickets and chaperones to take kids up to the picnic. St. John’s Red Bud has asked to purchase our decorations from the gala since they will be holding their auction the following Saturday in Hecker as well. Please invite all of your friends to attend the gala.
- School Open House planned for February 2nd for all new families. New family information folder developed with parent testimonials, curriculum, community, and many more features of the school. I will bring a folder for the Pastoral Council to see.

2. Cemetery – (Ken Carico)

The Cemetery Committee met on Jan 23 with the following in attendance; Fr. Osang, Bob Curran, Paul Callahan, Mary Ellen Huetsch, Bill Rick, Sandra Kay Ziebold, Paul Dunn and myself. We discussed a number of issues facing the cemetery and decided to focus our efforts on:

- Drainage - we hope to work with neighboring property owner (Jim Vogt) in addressing a problem that affects him as

well. Bill Rick has talked with Mr. Vogt and he an interest in working with us. The thought is to involve several people in the discussion (Rodney Linker, Fr. Osang and others) with Mr. Vogt. I'm still trying to reach Jim.

- b. Records - much work has done (Mary Ellen, Sandra Kay, Jean Jung, Michelle Knepfelkamp) to create a more accurate map of the old cemetery. Jean Jung calculated that we have 2,426 burials in the old cemetery and that number will go up as they work through a stack of "burials with questions". We also agreed to adopt a clear plan in indentifying and maintaining ownership of remaining plots. Sandra Kay Ziebold and Paul Dunn are working on a draft of guidelines for this process.
- c. Maintenance - Bob Wojcik has drafted a contract that we believe addresses the key issues and we hope to meet with Dave Dehn to review and make sure that we are all on the same page.
- d. Restoration project - Paul Callahan has agreed to oversee the completion of restoring the statutes, cross and the gazebo in the old cemetery. He expects this to be done this spring.

3. Finance Council –

4. Youth Ministry –

5. PSR –

- a. PSR Lenten Service Project – The PSR will be collecting used shoes throughout the Lenten season. The shoes will be donated to a charity that sells the shoes to South America for \$0.35/pound. The money collected for the shoes will be used to buy drilling rigs to bring clean water to impoverished areas. They have done this for years in Kenya but the current focus is now on relief efforts in Haiti. A shoe donation drop-off box will be in the back of church and on Wednesday's evenings at the SPPS/GHS campuses.
- b. Registration dates are in place for the 2010-2011 school year for April 14th & April 21st at SPPS, and April 28th & May 5th at Gibault. In consideration of current economic conditions, the Board voted to retain the present registration fee schedule which is as follows:

<u>PSR</u>	<u>Home School</u>
\$100.00 for the first child	\$50.00 for the first child
50.00 for the second child	25.00 for the second child
25.00 for the third child	15.00 for the third child
No charge for additional children	No charge for additional children

- c. A compiled list of duties and tasks for volunteer positions that will be needed in the coming year was created to increase participation from all PSR families. Possible incentives will be compiled and presented for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.
- d. A meeting was held on Monday, Feb 1st with the PSR home school families. Overall the program is going well with positive reports of improved conversations between parents and children in the areas of faith and morality. Parents signed up for an EOY wrap-up meeting with their children.

6. Adult Formation-

- a. **Catechist Certification:** The four week session on the DV D series "The Mass: Four Encounters with Jesus that will Change your Life" has been completed. It was very well received and has been suggested that it be offered again this Summer when more of the PSR Catechists might be able to attend.
- b. **Pre-Cana:** At this writing there are 18 couples scheduled to attend this Sunday's (Feb. 14) Pre-Cana Day.
- c. **RCIA:** Our two candidates for full communion into the Catholic Church and two catechumen to be baptized are preparing for the Rite of Election to be held at the Cathedral Feb. 21. Dr. Mike Kirk is speaking to our RCIA group tonight on Pro-life issues (weather permitting!)
- d. **JustFaith:** Seven people continue to meet weekly in the Just Faith program. The group visited Catholic Urban Programs office in East St. Louis and also the Holy Angels Homeless Shelter in East St. Louis last month. Catholic Urban Programs provides emergency food, funds and shelter for the poor and homeless and also advocates for people on the fringe of society. Holy Angels Homeless Shelter is the only homeless shelter servicing the Illinois counties bordering St. Louis. In addition, our group had two guest speakers come to talk to us last month. Dr. John Curry and his daughter Chavon, traveled on a very foggy evening from O'Fallon, IL to Waterloo to speak about their personal experiences with racism and the work that is being done in the Belleville area to address this issue.
- e. **Focus Groups:** There are twenty people are choosing to continue this program from January to May.
- f. **Oasis:** Continuing to meet monthly in the SPPS Cafeteria. The group continues to grow in number.
- g. **Confirmation:** Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered for the Confirmandi and their parents on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Following the sacrament, the candidates and their parents will enjoy pizza and soda and play Catholic Trivia in the SPPS Gym.
- h. **Book Discussions:** A discussion of the book *The Shack* is scheduled for February 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church and Feb. 24th at Gibault Catholic High School in the Library.

7. St. Vincent DePaul Society –

- a. We now have a name! We are **Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Conference**, Waterloo, IL.
- b. The training on January 30th was well-attended and useful.

- c. Since we have a name now, Mark Reinholz will work on getting our accounts set up. The plan is to have a cell phone number to publish. That cell phone will be answered by the Home Visit committee (Karen Wilson, Judy Rebholz, Michelle Knefelkamp, Jim Berenz, and Kermit Constantine).
- d. Jeff Wilson will work on getting letters together to send to local businesses asking for donations and letting them know we are available to help. The Fundraising committee has ideas for upcoming fundraising events.
- e. The Food Pantry is well-organized and up and running. The committee is looking for a working refrigerator so they can start storing perishables. If anyone knows of one that could be donated, let Ann Limestall or Michelle Knefelkamp know.
- f. Bill Rebholz will work with Fr. Stan on a Prison Ministry.
- g. The cluster parishes will be contacted for a date when a Conference representative could come to talk to their parish about SVdP and what we have done up to now.

8. Maintenance –

9. Service –

10. Stewardship:

11. Worship/Liturgy –

- a. Liturgy committee met on Tuesday Feb. 26. The group had decided to move from quarterly meeting to every other month. Next meeting is March 16 to finalize Holy Week plans.
- b. Spirit formation session will be March 21, 2010, 11:30 - Fr. Osang will pick a topic. This is for all liturgical ministers – mandatory for extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist at least once every three years.
- c. Lent: Stations will be held on Friday nights, March 17 for PSR classes, during school at a time to be determined. There will noon Mass on the Fridays of Lent.
- d. There was some discussion on minor points that Bishop Braxton brought up during hi Pastoral Visitation.
- e. Security Plan – an emergency phone will be installed in the back of church. Two ushers will bring up the collection. Possibility of an emergency signal in the back of church will be looked into.
- f. A hearing assistance system is being considered for those who have hearing difficulties. We have also asked Chris Ziebold to look at the current system. There seem to be problems with some of the speakers.
- g. Communion only in the front has begun and is running relatively smoothly.
- h. Communion services at Oak Hill and Canterbury Manor began in January. Response has been very good both for the residents and for those ministering to them.
- i. Two new sacristans have started. One will help at 5 and one at 10:30. Their duties will be re-defined soon.
- j. There will be a few small changes to the music, none of which were suggested by the music staff.

12. AFC –

Other Items:

Parish Directory –

Parish Vitality Survey –

Review Assignments

Time and Place Next Meeting: Feb 9th, 2010 at 7 pm

Adjournment