

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish – Waterloo, IL**  
**Pastoral Council**  
Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2009

**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)  
Julia Pluff (School Board)  
Anita Toth (PSR Director)  
Fr Osang  
Carol Postlewait (Trustee)  
Connie Lutz (10)  
Karen Seaborn (Pastoral Associate)  
Chris Purcell (12)  
Tony Morris (12)

**Absent**

David Miskell (10)  
Deacon Doug  
Ken Carrico (12)  
Randy Kaiser (11)

**Opening Prayer** – Father Osang at 7:05

**June Meeting Minutes Reviewed.**

**Active Business**

1. **Architecture of Faith Update:** AFC Update in 7/11 bulletin. Holland Construction did walk through with Mike McManus and Bob Pfeil last Monday.
2. **Parish Plan Update:** Carol reported that the First Welcome Sunday in two years. Over 100 families were invited. 6 RSVP'ed and 9 showed up. It was a good event. Carol also reported to that she had met with Terry Schreder to discuss the role of the ushers. They indicated they could also use more help. Occasionally they run out of bulletins by the 10:30 mass. A reminder to parishioners was in the last bulletin about the last row being reserved for the ushers. There was a question about whether there was a plan for the church in case of emergencies. Julia stated that plans were written for the school that could be modified for the church. Carol was going to share this information with Terry.  
Randy Kaiser has begun to organize the leadership names for the different organizations in the parish.  
Tony and Chris will schedule a meeting with Father Osang and Father Stan to discuss stewardship within the next month.
3. **Youth Ministry Update:** Connie Lutz & Anita Toth provided a summary and the copy of the minutes (attached) from the Youth Ministry meeting on 6/25/09. The committee was frustrated by a lack of consistent communications over the last few weeks. A discussion ensued about the need for someone to take the leadership role that Peter previously had. Father Osang will speak to Father Stan in the next few

weeks to see what part of this role he might fill. Father Osang stated that he wants to see the more youth involved in Mass and other church events.

4. **Adult Ministry Update:** 5 to 6 senior parishioners met to discuss a Senior group, 55 years or older that could meet during the day. Name of 'OASIS' is being considered, Older Adults Sharing In Service. An announcement will be placed in the upcoming bulletin. They are looking for a place to meet that would not require going up and down steps. Several locations were discussed.
5. **Welcome for Fr Stan:** It was suggested that we should have some type of welcome for Father Stan. It was decided that a brief welcome after each of the masses this coming weekend 7/18 & 7/19. Carol and Anita will coordinate.
6. **Rectory:** Pictures were taken of items in the rectory for insurance purposes and to know what is owned by the parish. The third floor needs to be cleaned up. Some repair work needs to be done in various locations. Father Osang would like to convert one of the rooms to a chapel if possible. New furniture has been purchased and is being delivered.
7. **Trustee:** Submit names for potential trustees to Bonnie by the next meeting.

### **Standing Reports**

1. **SPPS Report** – Joanie Stiebel is taking over Latchkey. Four Smart Boards have been ordered.
2. **Cemetery** – Bonnie reported that there might be another work day July 25<sup>th</sup>. Judy Aubuchon sent another letter about the state of the cemetery. Bonnie will reply to her. Paul is looking at other options as the current contractor is not meeting expectations.
3. **Finance Council** – As of June 22 we have sold 321 Gold Rush tickets. There was some wind damage to the roof to the pre-school house. Tuition assistance announcement will be done twice a year. Nancy Koester and Todd Osterhage are new members to the Investment Committee. The Picnic generated approximately \$52,000 of profit.
4. **Youth Ministry** – Youth Ministry update above.
5. **PSR** – A scope & sequence of what is taught in PSR was approved at the last meeting. This will be presented to the kids and their parents next year. A "report card" was designed and will be used moving forward. Father Osang also suggested a test at the end of each year to "graduate" to the next grade.
6. **Adult Formation-** Karen reported on the "Just Faith" program. A copy of her report is attached. Bonnie & Carol will take this to finance council for approval and get back to Karen. Bulletin announcements for RCIA are going out to get the program started. Fall Pre-Cana has 15 couples registered. The Pre-Cana team is almost set. A parishioner has approached Karen about offering a "Children's Breaking Open of the Word" in the parish. Father Osang is going to check with the diocese to see what their opinion is.
7. **Social Outreach** – Randy emailed a report. Father Osang reported that the committee recommended that we should form our own St. Vincent DePaul Society. They want those interested in starting this to become involved in the spiritual aspect of the society, not just doing the work. Three parish families were provided food assistance the 6 community referrals were made.

8. **Maintenance** – Woodwork around Plexiglas needs to be painted before it is reinstalled. Chris is working on this. There is a hole in the floor of the kindergarten trailer that Chris is working on as well. The carpet in the church has been in place for more than 13 years. There is bunching in the front of the church and in some of the aisles as well. Flooring Interiors provided a bid of just under \$16,000 to replace the carpet in the church only. A conversation regarding replacing the carpet with tile instead. Chris and Dave Miskell are going to visit some other parishes to see what they are in place.
9. **Service** – Fund raiser for the SPPS track team at Pizza Hut on 7/15.
10. **Stewardship**: Report above on parish plan update.
11. **Worship/Liturgy** – Father Osang thanked everyone for the going away reception and efforts for Monsignor Flach.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

### **Review Assignments**

**Time and Place Next Meeting: August 11, 2009 at 7 pm**

### **Adjournment**

6-25-09: Youth Ministry Meeting Notes

(Anita Toth/ Michelle Pfershy/ Linda Sanders/ Donna Burns/ Johnne Kae Blattner/ Paula Beasley/ Cathy Pfeil/ Connie Lutz)

- 1) Comprehensive YM: (see accompanying mission statement) For youth Grades 6-8, 9-12
- 2) We have the largest group in the diocese (about 100 different attendees at various events)
- 3) SPP is one of the larger parishes in the diocese, with no designated youth leader. (Compare to Columbia who has a Director of Religious Education, and a Coordinator of Religious Education, as well as 2 priests.) The commission strongly feels there is a need to have a lead person, coordinating the many events. Ex: DRE ultimately responsible for YC/ School/ PSR/ adult formation CRE: YC/ School/ PSR Pastoral Associate: adult formation.
- 4) Youth Commission goal: no separation of PSR/ SPPS. Working very hard to eliminate this division. (Concrete evidence that last year there was more participation among the PSR students)
- 5) Youth events are heavily supported by their own fundraisers (with the exception of the diocesan sponsored events: ex: March for Life. Diocesan Youth conference. National Catholic Youth Conference. Some can get expensive, up to \$400pp.
- 6) Immediate Need: A: Coordinator of the sacramental programs (Monthly grade Masses) Communications between PSR/ SPPS, setup for donuts and coffee/ cleanup/ shop for supplies.

B: Leader for high school youth gathering (bimonthly): mixed messages being sent: they were recently asked to meet upstairs in the closet of the parish center (Definitely small space/ disruption to the meetings going on downstairs) Linda meets with the middle school students now.

- 7) Significant amounts of time being spent when putting on an event: clerical support is greatly needed. Peter contacted the HS kids individually. (Possible to ask parish secretaries to help?)
- 8) VERY dedicated women trying to oversee the youth programs. (Big time commitments, youth leadership involved wherever possible to assist.) Communication imperative.
- 9) Much thought is going into ideas to keep the youth active/ visible to the parish.
- 10) Must keep lines of communication open between the various administrative entities and the youth commission.
- 11) Important to provide feedback to the parish community after an event has taken place: # kids attending/ their accomplishments/ leaders to be acknowledged.
- 12) Special request for the clergy to try to be more visible to the students, during an event, whenever possible.