

Saints Peter and Paul Parish – Waterloo, IL
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for October 13, 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)
David Miskell (10)
Tony Morris (12)
Darren Mechler (School Board)
Deacon Doug Boyer (Permanent Deacon)
Fr Osang Idagbo, C.M. (Parish Administrator)
Carol Postlewait (Trustee)
Connie Lutz (10)
Chris Purcell (12)
Ken Carrico (12)

Absent

Randy Kaiser (11)
Anita Toth (PSR Director)
Open (Trustee)
Karen Seaborn (Pastoral Associate)
Fr Stan Konieczny (Associate Pastor)

Opening Prayer

September Meeting Minutes Reviewed and Approved.

Active Business

1. **Pastoral Plan Update:** Tony Morris working on stewardship section (see Stewardship Standing Report below). PC needs to review plan & reset goals in next few months.
2. **Bishop Braxton Visit:** Bishop visit to focus on life & faith of parish. Bishop planning a dialog during homily @ 10:30 Mass on Dec 6. Dialog may continue after Mass at Bishop's reception. Parish leadership should attend 10:30 Mass, Dec 6. Tony Morris to send out e-mail to make parish leadership & parish organizations aware of Bishop's visit.
3. **Trustee:** Fr Osang contacting trustee candidates.
4. **Cemetery Work:** Fr Osang and Bonnie Garner following up on drainage issue & cemetery maintenance concerns.

Standing Reports

1. **SPPS Report** – Bingo license approved & VFW lease signed, with 73 Bingo worker volunteers divided into four teams. Training conducted on 10/8 with American Bingo, supplier of cards & pull tabs. First bingo 10/15. SPPS parents required to furnish desserts for bingo. SPPS & ICS co-sponsoring “funderwear” competition between the schools to collect items such as socks, underwear, etc. to benefit local needy & Cairo

- group. Winner to be announced at SPPS/ICS basketball game at Gibault High School. Flu shots were made available at school by Monroe County Health Department
2. **Cemetery** – See Active business above.
 3. **Finance Council** – August Income & Expenses on budget. YTD Income & expense slightly below budget. Cash flow okay. Large percentage of school subsidy paid out early in fiscal yr as usual. SPPS budget is tight & additional spending may require additional parish subsidy.
 4. **Youth Ministry** – Back to school Mass & reception well attended. GHS will provide refreshments 10/18 & GHS choir has been contacted about the music. “Rooted in Christ” t-shirts available for \$7. Wish list to be published in bulletin: 2-3 6’ folding tables/ folding chairs/ microwave/ bean bag chairs. Upcoming events: Trunk & Treat 10/25. Drop & Shop 1st weekend in Dec. Drafted a Youth Ministry Mission Statement & Youth Code of Conduct. Submitted to Frs. Osang and Stan for approval
 5. **PSR** – Arlen Harris, former running back with Ram’s football team and other members of the Elite Football Academy will be guest speakers at Gibault on November 18th. The title of the talk, “*Just Do It! Faith, Family & Football!*” PSR reviewing the request to include Kindergarteners in PSR for next year. This year Gibault linked students to SPPS PSR as classroom helpers.
 6. **Adult Formation**- A total of 17 couples completed the Pre-Cana day. Just Faith Group had third meeting & planning a weekend retreat, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. November 7 will be our first immersion experience. Spend day at United Congregations of the Metro East which is a faith based community group whose objective is improved safety and health for neighborhoods and communities throughout the Metro East. This group addresses such issues as; housing, youth service programs, decent jobs, healthcare, etc. OASIS (Older Adults Sharing in Service) met Oct. 11, shared a meal and played cards and other games. We have four “**Focus groups and Gospel of Luke**” groups meeting this Fall using the Quest series, based on Sunday liturgical readings. Upcoming Christmas House Tour / Wreath Auction organized by Pat Buncher and Tina Carrico. Proceeds go to St. Vincent DePaul Society.
 7. **Social Outreach** – Saint Vincent DePaul meeting held 10/1 with 15 people in attendance. Guest Speakers: Pat Hogrebe, Dir of Development, Sr. Sheila Hart, Spiritual Formator & Steve Dressler, Immaculate Conception. Discussion items at SVDP meeting - 3 levels of membership; Active Membership, Associate Membership & Contributing Membership. Active Members work directly with needy. Next meeting 11/5. Christmas Angels & Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets will be done this yr as usual. We had 11 requests for assistance this past month; provided food to 3 parish families and 1 emergency request for food assistance. Provided overnight lodging & food to one transient. Referred others to other agencies. Michelle Knefelkamp established a relationship with Wayne’s One stop (ZX) & will provide gift certificates for gas purchases when requested for gas money assistance
 8. **Maintenance** – Looking at church flooring options. Church carpet replacement quote came in at ~ \$18K. Second flooring option quoted was carpet in high traffic areas with glue down tiles in seating area for ~ \$45K. Chris Purcell to continue to investigate options. Roof replacement on the preschool is scheduled for Oct or Nov depending on weather and scheduling of volunteers.
 9. **Service** – No additional report.

10. **Stewardship:** Mike Kish, Immaculate Conception, indicated they utilize a program based on Wichita Diocese program, which involves a Stewardship Fair each year. For additional info go to: <http://www.cdowk.org/offices/stewardship/services.htm> Stewardship Committees next steps are to select a program & work toward Stewardship Fair in spring.
11. **Worship/Liturgy** – On going discussions about security during Mass. Blessed Art wants to visit & sell their art work from Christians in Holy Land. Fr Osang to review the request & schedule if appropriate. CFA (Christian Foundation for Aging & Children) requesting participation in weekend Masses in November. Fr Osang to review & schedule if appropriate.

Review Assignments

Time and Place Next Meeting: Nov 10, 2009 at 7 pm

Adjournment