

ST. PETER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

5 MAR 2009

MEETING MINUTES

St Peter Parish Pastoral Council

- Fr. Joseph A. Angotti
- Secretary: John Mearns
- 3rd Year: Jim Beckman, Mary Carol Larson, Tim Mikula, Vic Stearns
- 2nd Year: Don Barker, Ron Gigliotti, John Knoll, Glenn Minich
- 1st Year: Nancy Hannon, Pam Ruminski, Eric Smith, Jerry Wallace

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from the 12 Feb 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Old Business:

- St Peter statue update
 - Jerry and Glenn thought that in the chapel area might be a good idea. They didn't think that it would look too crowded. We must consider this carefully since we are also intending to place the votive candles in that area.
- Parish Appreciation Dinner
 - Jim thought that May might be a better time to get ahead of the graduation party and vacation period. Possible dates: 16th (1st choice) or 23rd (2nd choice). Jim will check with the Parish Office to see how that fits into the parish calendar. Proposed time will be 6PM
 - Caterers:
 - Indiana Deli, 125 plates at \$15 each;
 - Portofino, \$17-\$18 per plate
 - We will probably require some volunteer workers: bartenders, servers
 - Sandy Ransom will contact Portofino's to see what kind of prices she can get.
 - Cash bar. Free pop and coffee.
- "Standards of Excellence" training/seminar
 - There are some binders with a great deal of information on the program.
 - One of the main ideas is "transparency". Everything about the parish should be out in the open. Don't hide anything from the parish.
 - Tim asked if there was a detailed contact list on the diocese's web site. www.dcgary.org
 - It is reasonable for the various committees to generate minutes and to forward these to the office for forwarding to Jim Cundiff for posting on the web page.
- Vigil lights
 - Blessed Sacrament parish in Gary is closing. Might be a good place to look for vigil lights and possibly even statues.
 - First step would be a phone call to the parish. Tim will get the ball rolling.
 - ❖ On 6 March, Tim spoke to Fr Teles, the pastor Blessed Sacrament Parish regarding our need for votive candle stands. Father Teles stated that the procedure is as follows:
 1. After the final Mass, April 19, parishioners will be allowed to take whatever they want.
 2. Then a letter will be sent out to all the pastors of the parishes in the dioceses advising them that the remaining furnishings will be available for distribution.

- Parish pictures/directory
 - Ron contacted 3 companies: Olan Mills, Life Touch & Harvard Directory Services. Still waiting on Harvard's response.
 - The 2 that responded were "turn-key" solutions. We would just have to provide space and a couple volunteers to help move the people through the process. The companies take care of the scheduling and the reminders.
 - There is no charge to the parish.
 - A family will get a directory and a single picture for no charge.
 - Tentatively scheduled for fall.
 - The council's consensus is to proceed with getting this scheduled.
- Committee reports
 - Parish Life committee
 - Peace and Social Justice Committee
 - Nancy and Jim Hannon will be working the St. Vincent dePaul food pantry one Monday per month at St. Joseph. Nancy will share whatever information and ideas that are presented. There is a meeting scheduled for 18 March at St. Joseph to discuss future plans and distribution arrangements, Nancy plans to attend.
 - First Contact – the second meeting will be on 24 March at 5:45 PM at Bethany Lutheran and should last no more than 2 hours.
- Other
 - None

New Business:

- Other
 - Suggestions on how to get more choir members.
 - ❖ How about writing a nice letter and have all the choir members sign it to present to people.
 - ❖ Let's think about this (and pray about it) to see if we can come up with some ideas.
 - Habitat will start before the next meeting. John wants to know how many days to reserve. It was decided to reserve 2 days.

Future meeting dates

- April – skip
- May – first Thursday, the 7th
- June – first Thursday, the 4th

Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.