

ST. PETER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

7 MAY 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 5 Mar 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Old Business:

- St Peter statue update
 - JEM spoke with Fr. Flanigan on 7 May 2009: He really hasn't much opportunity recently but he is retiring at the end of the current semester and our statue will become his top priority. He has completed a couple small sketches and would like to present them at our next meeting which tentatively set for 4 Jun. He did mention that he feels the current choir area is too busy for the statue and he would actually prefer the front of the balcony.
- Parish Appreciation Dinner
 - The reason the dinner was cancelled was primarily due to lack of funds.
 - What about a picnic?
 - Amy Cardello, at the Parish Life meeting, suggested holding this during October. There were about 60 people that attended it in last October. Possibly October 4?
 - What about having the 10:30 AM mass at the picnic area?
- "Standards of Excellence" training/seminar
 - The program was customized by the diocese for our specific use.
 - Should someone review the entire program and summarize one item for the next meeting? Jim
- Vigil lights
 - Recap
 - Blessed Sacrament parish in Gary is closing on 6 March.
 - St. John Cantius in East Chicago
 - St. Mary in Hammond
 - Something else to look for would be their ciboria.
- Parish pictures/directory
 - Olan Mills studios have been selected. The dates are now August 4 through August 8 and August 13, 14 and 15. The August 13, 14 and 15 sessions will take place on the second floor in the hospitality room. The first sessions August 4 - 8 will take place downstairs in the cafeteria/general purpose room area. Olan Mills will be here March 19 to view the areas to be used for the sittings.
 - Saturday hours are 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - Weekday hours are 3:00 PM-9:30P
 - There will be no cost to the parishioners and they get a free 8x10 and a free copy of the directory.
 - Ron will ensure we get announcements in the bulletin starting in July.

- Suggestions on how to get more choir members.
 - The folk choir has placed a poster in the Gathering Space.
- Committee reports
 - **Added after the meeting: Do these committees keep meeting minutes? They are welcome to contact me (Mearns) about getting these minutes posted on the parish web site.**
 - Parish Life committee
 - Meeting last Monday, 4 May
 - Octoberfest
 - Meeting in September to prepare for the Catechist dinner.
 - Graduation June 7: after the 8:00 AM mass coffee and pastries for the graduates.
 - Peace and Social Justice Committee
 - 6 May: would like to get involved more with the St Vincent de Paul society at St Joe. Not just the food pantry. Andy Ruminski and Ted Cooper will write a item for the bulletin to explain some of the things that are part of the society. Possibly a bike-a-thon fund raiser. There was one church that has something every month. More people tend to get involved and the more people that get involved the more things come up to get involved in.
 - First Contact – there has been a change in leadership and potentially direction. The date of the next meeting has not been determined yet.
- Other
 - Youth Group coffee and donuts – it was held in the Parish Center but there was not a great deal of participation. But we still want to continue this program. Jim would like the Pastoral Council to sponsor the next day. Jim will contact the Office to find the next available Sunday. Ron suggested that the Council members wear nametags so people know who you are. The Parish Council will create a calendar and assign a Sunday to the various groups.

New Business:

- CSA Campaign for the Individual Parishes – The goal is established based on the financial health of the individual parish.
- Are we doing enough for the people of La Porte who are hardest hit by the current economic crisis? Possibly a more aggressive drive for the food pantry? *We do believe that a number of the projects on our plate and centered on helping those in need; one of which is the additional effort we are placing on helping the St Vincent de Paul Society.*
- Ordination of Chris Hawkins on 6 Jun – We need to make sure there is something in the bulletin.

Future meeting dates

- June – first Thursday, the 4th
- July – no meeting
- August – no meeting
- September – first Thursday, the 3rd
- October - first Thursday, the 1st

Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.