

**ST. PETER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**4 JUNE 2009**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Father Angotti

John Mearns, Secretary

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>
Jim Beckman	Don Barker	Nancy Hannon
Mary Carol Larson	Ron Gigliotti	Pam Ruminski
Tim Mikula	John Knoll	Eric Smith
Vic Stearns	Glenn Minich	Jerry Wallace

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

Minutes from the 5 Mar 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following comments:

- Regarding the Parish Directory: All pictures will be taken in the Hospitality Room.

Old Business:

- St Peter statue update
  - Fr Jim Flanigan could not make it to the meeting. Mearns told him that the next meeting was in Sep.
- Parish Appreciation Dinner
  - October 4 is now on the parish calendar.
  - Potluck
- "Standards of Excellence" training/seminar
  - One of the key points that Jim Beckman noticed in this documentation was that there should be a youth on the Parish Council. Fr Joe mentioned that there are some things (such as the Parish audit) that might not be suited for a younger audience so we should think hard about this.
- Vigil lights
  - Tim Mikula has written to St John Cantius, letting them know that we are interested, but cash tight.
  - Mary Carol Larson mentioned a fund raiser. A family could make a donation and there would be a bulletin announcement that the tabernacle candle is being sponsored by "this" family. Mary Carol will discuss with Debbie Sopko since she is the one that would be responsible for tracking the donations and the bulletin donations.
- Parish pictures/directory
  - 6 of the 8 days are during the week. Ron Gigliotti could use more volunteers to help on each of the days. Various people volunteered. The volunteer will need to get the building key from the parish office before their "shift" and return the key to the office the morning after their "shift" for the next volunteer.
- Committee reports
  - Parish Life committee
    - Graduation Sunday refreshments after the 8:00 AM mass on June 7.
    - They will not be meeting during the summer.
    - Habitat for Humanity will not be doing a house in La Porte this year. But they are working on 2 houses in Michigan City. Betheny Lutheran is accepting applications to rebuild a house for any veteran family. Probably around August / September before they will call us for assistance. John Knoll will get the dates and send them to Mearns who will pass it on to the rest of the council.

- Peace and Social Justice Committee
  - St Vincent de Paul society: Andy Ruminiski met with Ted Cooper. They are looking for couples. Some of the things that the St Vincent society does: Adult tutoring, mentoring, some financial guidance.
  - SAFE – (First Contact) – there has been a change in leadership and potentially direction. The program will be restarting.
- Other
  - “Donuts” will only be offered after the 10:30 AM mass going forward. The attendance after the 8:00 AM mass just doesn’t support the effort. Mary Carol is developing a schedule covering the next 6 months or so and the groups that will be covering each month.
  - Glen Minich raised the idea again for a bike-a-thon. He will work on getting a committee together. This would be an event for all La Porte parishes.

#### New Business:

- Worthy Women Recovery Home – In existence since approximately October 2008. Mission for women leaving prison who have no place to go. Some of these women have children as well. Faith based organization. Looking for a building, financial assistance, any other suggestions, support for activities. Right now they could have approximately 10 women.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Indianapolis. They had an on-line parish survey. Fairly in-depth. Jerry Wallace made copies for the group. The Council can review these for the next meeting.
- Betty Weigand arranged the donation of a piano and the folk choir arranged for the donation of an electric piano.

#### Future meeting dates

- July – no meeting
- August – no meeting
- September – first Thursday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>
- October - first Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.