**St. Peter Church Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Feb. 20, 2024**

**The St. Peter Parish Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Co-Presidents Brad Haslag and Tom Hoff.**

**Present: Brad Haslag, Tom Hoff, Nancy Davidson, Jean Lubich, Debbie Coleman, Eileen Thompson, Maria gomez, Ryan Conway, Father Francis**

**Absent: Dennis Desmond, Anthony Umwech, Napoleon Donre, Deanna Donnell, Mary McCoy, Guadelupe Martinez**

**The meeting opened with a prayer from Father Francis.**

**Minutes of the November Meeting were reviewed. Eileen moved to approve and Nancy seconded. Motion carried.**

**School Report: Mary was not present to give a school report.**

**Commission Reports:**

**Liturgy, Worship, and Spiritual Commission**

* **Need volunteers on March 16 @ 10:00 a.m. to put cloths over the statues in church.**
* **Penance Service will be on March 7 @ 6:00. There will be 6 priests available.**

**Social Concerns:**

* **Community Food Pantry - Weekly food drive continues. Last year (2023) 6357 lbs. were donated by St. Peters. Church 3617 lbs.. School 2460 lbs. And youth group 280 lbs. Everyone is thanked for their generosity.**
* **Marshall Homeless Shelter and Services - Still need volunteers. A corporation has been formed. Myra Riley is the president of their board. There is a fundraiser on March 15th at the Martin Center. Buffet served by Plowboys from 5-7 p.m. and music by Sarah and Mark from 7-10. Tickets are $20 per person.**
* **Daughters of Isabella - Their spring rummage sale is set for May 6-10. Reminder that they will donate $1000 to the church and are looking for possible items to purchase or pay for services to complete a project.**
* **Meals on Wheels - Thanks again to Christine Sause for being coordinator. Meals were delivered by S t. Pater the week of December 18 and February 12.**
* **Alter & Rosary Society - Delivered 17 trays of cookies/candy/fruit to shut-ins during Christmas. Also sent Christmas Cards to numerous parishioners. New officers were elected: President, Jan Backes, Vice President, Nancy Davidson, Secretary, Pam Whitney and Treasurer, Phebe McCutcheon. A new church cleaning list has been compiled. Membership dues were collected on 2 weekends in February. MANY funeral dinners have been served recently. Next meeting is March 7th.**
* **Knights of Columbus - Shrimp dinner, Feb 16. Breakfast, Feb 18. Fish dinner, March 8. Breakfast, March 17. Shrimp dinner, March 22.**
* **Salvation Army Bell Ringing- Knights of Columbus and St. Peter participated in December.**
* **Welcoming Committee- 26 welcoming visits have been made since 2020. Packets of information about the church and parish organizations are shared at these visits along with some baked goods.**

**Christian education Commission**

* **Parish School of Religion (PSR) - Lori Benedick reports students preparing for First Eucharist made their First Reconciliation. A retreat is planned for first Eucharist students in PSR and from St. Peter’s School. This will be held on a Wednesday in April.**
* **R.C.I.A.- Maureen Burks reported candidates for joining the church are going to the Rite of Election at the cathedral in Jefferson City on Feb. 11.**
* **High School Youth Group - Jeannie Lawless reports the high school youth group attends Mass once a month, which includes approximately 20 students that sit together to celebrate Mass. The group is hosting a Donation Breakfast on March 10th to benefit the Browning Family. The last meeting for the group will be April 21st. Graduation Recognition for high school students and 8th graders is in the works. The date is being finalized.**
* **Sunday Mass Bag - The activity bags for children to use during Mass were discussed. It appears that they are not being used as much as originally thought.**
* **The K-4th Grades Children Mass was discussed. Several people have approached the committee members about the possibility of starting this back up. Discussion included problems with getting volunteers to plan, organize, and teach. This was the reason the program was discontinued. Debbie Coleman was going to check about putting something in the church bulletin to see if anyone would be interested in spearheading this program.**
* **Blessing after Mass- The idea of having a blessing for students after Mass was discussed. Debbie Coleman was going to ask Father Francis his opinion on this subject.**
* **Guidelines for Receiving Sacraments - The need for guidelines for obtaining sacraments was discussed. There are teenage students needing to make their sacraments, should this be done during PSR or RCIA? The committee is unaware of any guidelines that exist to help with placement. Lori Benedick was going to contact other churches to se if they had any guidelines in place. It was also noted that guidelines should be included in the weekly church bulletin.**
* **Youth Participation. Father Francis mentioned having students participate in weekly Mass by bing ushers, greeters, gift bearers, etc. The committee will brainstorm ways to implement this idea.**

**Hispanic Commission**

* **They rotate leadership. Leaders donate $50 each.**
* **Retreat for people who serve at masses included 90 people.**
* **March 17-18 Retreat - Welcoming committee will find people who have arrived in town and invite them.**

**Old Business**

* **We are looking for someone to put strips on the carpet to keep it from fraying. Nancy suggested using some of the $1000 from the D of I to pay for that.**
* **The lock in the bathroom in the church vestibule of the church needs to be replaced.**

**New Business**

* **Harvest Festival will be on September 15. Jean made a motion to use this date and Debbie seconded. Motion carried**
* **Ashley Allison and Jamie Case have volunteered to chair the Harvest Festival again this year.**
* **Knights of Columbus need volunteers to help at the Nascar Races at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City Kansas on May 4-5.**
* **Stewardship Updates- We’ve done everything we were supposed to do. Still waiting on some forms.**
* **Bylaws - Need to update the bylaws to reflect new Finance Council directives. If we want a financial report, we should invite members of the Finance/administration Council to a Parish Council meeting.**
* **Update on new St. Peter School-**

1. **Father got names of 3 architecture firms to get bids and designs.**
2. **Parish will have to decide on a design. Drawings will be put in front of church and St. Mary’s room when they are completed.**
3. **We will take pledges. If we get a set amount in pledges, we will move forward with the school. If not, we won’t move forward.**
4. **A committee needs to be formed including Mary McCoy, some teachers, and some parishioners.**

* **Debbie Coleman is going to check with Diana about putting Parish Council Minutes on the church Website.**

**Clergy Report**

* **There is a meeting with Diocese on Tuesday in Columbia. Father Francis is going to send out information to council members.**
* **Priest from Costa Rico will be here for a few months arriving on March 1. His name is Father Gutierrez.**

**The next meeting of the St. Peter Pastoral Council will be on March 19 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Father Francis closed the meeting with a prayer.**

**Respectfully submitted by Debbie Coleman**