

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
6:30 PM – Conference Room 1

Members present: Lance Miller, Nancy Stanton, Sarah Larsen, Joe Towle, Paul Hirsch, Anne Hallgren, Alice Sheeler, Maria Schwartz

Ex officio members present: Fr. Steven Hoffman, Helen Wilkie

Members not present: Mary Pat Ferraro

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| I. Opening Prayer (5 min) | Anne |
| II. Forming Intentional Disciples - Chpt. 3 (20 min) | Fr. Steven |
| III. Approval of April Agenda & Additions/Approval (5 min) | Sarah |

IV. New Business

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| A. Questions about Historic Church (Confessional/Bell) (10 min) | Fr. Steven |
| a. Pope Francis has announced an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It will begin with the December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and continue to November 20, 2016. St. Peter's will commemorate this Holy Year of Mercy in several ways, including; ringing the bell in the historic church five minutes prior to daily Mass; increasing opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before daily Mass; and adding a free-standing confessional inside the Historic Church. | |
| b. The confessional is being donated from another Parish and retrofitted to assure privacy and blend in with the unique architecture of the historic Church. | |
| c. The bell structure will be checked to confirm that it is sound enough for regular use. | |
| B. Pastors Update on Current Parish Finance Concerns (10 min) | Fr. Steven |
| a. Due to budgetary concerns for this year and the need to make cuts—given the small number of youth participating in our teen youth programs (around 70 youth), the Youth Coordinator position has been reduced to part-time. As a result of this change, Ed Overell has decided to leave and seek employment elsewhere. | |
| b. Father Steven will be reporting regularly to the congregation on plans for addressing budget challenges. | |

V. Old Business

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| A. Year of Celebrations – 10 th Ann. of Church & 175 th Ann. of Parish (15 min) | Fr. Steven |
| a. There will be a special celebration on July 12 th to commemorate the 10 th anniversary of the consecration of the new Church, on July 12 th . There will be one Mass that Sunday, at 10am. The celebration of the original founding of the parish will be incorporated into the Fall Festival on October 4, 2015. | |
| B. Review of plan for extension of 3 rd year members tenure (5 min) | Sarah |
| a. Through email, the council approved the amendment to the bylaws to extend the terms of the 3 rd year members of the council. (See March minutes for more information.) | |
| b. This will be discussed in more depth at next month's council meeting. | |
| C. Prayerful Reflection & discussion on a Parish Vision – (20 min) | Fr. Steven |
| “Going Forward in Christ to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit” | |

- a. In developing a 6 year plan for the parish, we may start with a year focused on Discipleship.
- b. The council discussed how to foster parishioners to have a personal relationship with Jesus, with a potential mission statement of “Going forward in Christ to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit”.
- c. Activities focusing on discipleship may include:
 - i. Book clubs, Sunday homilies, discussion questions at Donut Sundays, youth program focus, parish groups focusing on the theme.
 - ii. We would be calling on individuals to make a choice, feed their choice, and grow in their faith as disciples.
- D. Ideas for future years could focus on:
 - a. Eucharist and The Mass
 - b. Marriage and Family Life
 - c. Prayer as a focus for the season of Lent or Advent.

VI. Closing prayer (5 minutes)

Anne

All Pastoral Council Meetings are open meetings. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The next meeting of the parish pastoral council will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015.