

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
6:30pm Conference Room 1

Members present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Paul Hirsch, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Maria Schwartz, Alice Sheeler, Joe Towle and Anne Hallgren (on the phone)

Members not present: Nancy Stanton

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

- I. Opening Prayer: Lance Miller provided hospitality and led members in a prayer.
- II. Approval of December minutes & January agenda: After a brief discussion, the December minutes were approved and January agenda approved as presented.
- III. Forming Intentional Disciples: Fr. Steven & members continued the discussion of book with a focus on Chapter 2. This chapter will also be discussed next month.
- IV. New business
 - a. Prayerful Reflection and Discussion of Parish Vision, Focus: Going Forward in Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Spiritual needs: prayer, interior life of intimacy with God, healing
 - ii. Faith needs: Any gaps or weak areas of faith that need to be strengthened
 - iii. Sacramental life of the Parish
 - iv. Readiness for Evangelization and Further OutreachDiscussion: Fr. Steven presented and told members the importance of their discussion about where parish currently is and how to move forward. Fr. Steven will focus on more time options for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Options may be Friday mornings from 8-9am, Saturday mornings, and Wednesday evenings around RE/FF. Fr. Steven would like to restore the beauty of the sacrament and how it fits into discipleship. He will address issues including bad experiences in the past, having been away too long, and how to make a good confessions in a Lenten talk for the parish. Fr. Steven would also like to focus on a gradual reevaluation of the RE/FF programs for all ages.
 - b. Current Events
 - i. Archdiocese bankruptcy: Fr. Steven suggested that the best way to handle the bankruptcy issue is to refer people to the handout of January 17-18 (available on the parish website) while encouraging them to pray for the archdiocese and the victims. If there are further questions, contact him or another staff member.
 - ii. Recent news about Fr. Gallatin: Members were asked to encourage parishioners to continue to pray for Fr. Gallatin and the parish as we move forward. If anyone has more concerns, they should contact Fr. Steven or a staff member.
- V. Old Business: a leadership retreat. Members still are interested in having a retreat in spring. Fr. Steven will look at some possible dates and get info to members for consideration.
- VI. Closing Prayer: Lance Miller led members in closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17.