

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Members present Mary Pat Ferraro, Kelly Garrett, Ann Hoey, Yvonne Houle-Gillard, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Alice Sheeler, Nancy Stanton, and Joe Towle

Members Not Present: none

Ex-officio members present:

Ex-officio members not present: Fr. Gallatin, Helen Wilkie

- I. Opening Prayer/Hospitality:** Lance Miller. Lance led members in reciting a prayer for Stewardship
- II. Approval of Agenda**
Approved as presented.
- III. New Business**
 - A. Catholic Schools Week
 - Yvonne Houle-Gillard reported that this coming weekend, January 25, students will again serve in ministries such as greeters and gift bearers.
 - Ideas were sought on how to strengthen the visibility of Faithful Shepherd along with the relationship between St. Peter's and the school since the school is facing a declining enrollment.
 - How many parish families have students currently enrolled?
 - When performing service program hours, students could wear their uniforms.
 - In the future, try and ask staff not to schedule events for this weekend or have a special weekend celebrating Faithful Shepherd School.
 - Students could adopt a parishioner.
 - Have school events included on Parish Website – these would be submitted to Darlene.
 - B. Financial Report
 - Mary Jubenville chose to wait until numbers could be interpreted.
 - If Fr. isn't available, she suggested coming to the February meeting.
 - It was suggested if in Fr.'s absence, could someone from the Finance Committee come to meeting or could we attend one of their meetings.
 - Reach out for ways to help with the financial situation.
 - C. Community Meeting discussion
 - Very pleased with turnout.
 - Fr. Lachowitzer did a good job presenting.
 - Parishioners who spoke were very supportive of Fr. and to have him return.
 - Concern was expressed over those who didn't speak up and what percent of parish may not be supportive of Fr.'s return.
 - Rally around situation – keep building community – but what about trust factor of relationship between Fr. & Parish.

- If possible have Fr. Lachowitzer come and celebrate Mass on a weekend since he is our Parochial Administrator.
- How to talk to children.
- Have Fr. Lachowitzer clarify his point on how to protect our children.
- Craft a message of what we can do to help our parish staff & parishioners.
- Use bulletin to focus on the good news and events that are happening in our parish.
- Continue to use and encourage use of Parish prayer.
- Keep reaching out to Archdiocese for information & input that will keep the parish up to date on process.

IV. Old Business

GROW (Parish Pastoral Planning):

Yvonne Houle-Gillard reported that the opportunity to fill out the GROW survey had closed Tuesday, January 21. It was hoped that the parish would have the results by January 30. With the absence of Fr. it was questioned whether the parish would continue in the GROW process and attend the next meeting scheduled for February 4. Mary Jubenville was to contact the Archdiocese for assistance on what the parish should do to proceed.

V. Closing prayer

Lance led the committee in a prayer for respect life and meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2014