

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Members present Kelly Garrett, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Alice Sheeler, Nancy Stanton, and Joe Towle

Members Not Present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Ann Hoey, Yvonne Houle-Gillard

Ex-officio members present:

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

- I. Opening Prayer/Hospitality:** Alice Sheeler led the members in reciting a prayer by Edward Hays for a Parish Council meeting.
- II. Approval of Agenda**
Approved as presented.
- III. New Business**
 - A. Stewardship Committee:
Lance Miller reported that the committee had met the previous week with Mary Jubenville, business manager, in attendance to discuss the cost of Catholic Stewardship Consultants and to pursue and see if the parish could be released from the remainder of the three-year contract and go back to an in-house system.
 - B. February Financial Report:
 - Kelly Garrett reported that the numbers are still down for month and to date.
 - She also talked with Jim Fink, Finance Council chair, who expressed great concern over the parish's current situation. Jim has been able to work with the Archdiocese to ease some of the payments the parish needs to make.
 - Jim also asked that even though our mortgage company recommended Catholic Stewardship Consultants, the Parish Pastoral Council members join with the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Council in recommending our opting out of the remainder of the contract. The six Pastoral Parish Council members present agreed unanimously to support the proposal.
 - Discussion then focused on how the Parish Pastoral Council could help the Finance Council with communications.
 - Proposed—do a visual infographic—to present the problem to the parish. Mock up poster to reach out to active families asking if they could possibly increase giving.
 - Go back over budget report for the last several years. Time line for this effort a month from now—mid-April.

IV. Old Business

A. GROW (Parish Pastoral Planning) Update:

Kelly reported for Yvonne Houle-Gillard that the parish was opting out of finishing this process with the Archdiocese at this time but the St. Peter's Committee was going to meet on Thursday, March 27, to review the results so far and see if there were suggestions that could be acted on/reviewed since time has been put into the survey.

B. Update from Cookie Weekend:

Joe Towle reported that the celebration that weekend with Fr. Charlie went well.

V. Closing prayer

Alice led the committee in reciting our parish prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2014