

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
6:30 PM – Conference Room 1

Members present: Nancy Stanton, Maria Schwartz, Alice Sheeler, Joe Towle, Lance Miller, Paul Hirsch, Sarah Larsen, and Mary Pat Ferraro

Members not present: Anne Hallgren

Ex officio members present: Fr. Steven Hoffman

- I. Opening Prayer (5 min) Mary Pat
- II. Forming Intentional Disciples - Chpt. 3 (20 min) Fr. Steven
- III. Approval of April Minutes, May Agenda & Additions (5 min) Sarah
 A. Minutes approved unanimously. Agenda approved as well.
- IV. New Business
- A. Semidemiseptcentennial..... (10 min) Fr. Steven
 a. A planning committee has been formed and is gathering ideas for activities for the day.
- B. Plans for the PPC over the summer and new members next year (15 min) Sarah
 a. We will have a social event June 10th and then take a break over the rest of the summer.
 b. A retreat may be planned for the fall.
 c. In the future, we may start meetings with 20 minutes of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
 d. The terms of the new incoming Parish Pastoral Council (incoming in Feb/Mar) will be shortened to 2.5 years and subsequent new member terms will return to the 3 year terms.
- V. Old Business
- A. Prayerful Reflection & discussion on a Parish Vision – (20 min) Fr. Steven
 “Going Forward in Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit”
 * Spiritual needs - prayer, interior life of intimacy with God, healing, etc.
 * Faith needs - Any gaps or weak areas of Faith that need to be formed & strengthened
 * Sacramental life of the Parish - e.g. Understanding the Mass; appreciation for Confession, etc.
 * Readiness for Evangelization and further outreach
 a. Fr. Steven may start occasional Q&A sessions, answering parishioner questions on any topic individuals raise. A question box would be set up several weeks in advance for individuals to submit questions.
- B. Questions about Historic Church (Confessional/Bell) (10 min) Fr. Steven
 a. There is a new rope and hook for the bell. The bell was tightened and is structurally sound.
 b. The bell will be rung 175 times for the semidemiseptcentennial.
 c. We have found a church removing an old confessional, which we will adapt for the historic church. The plan/hope is to have the confessional installed before the Year of Mercy starts.
- C. Pastors Update on Current Parish Finance Concerns (10 min) Fr. Steven
 a. Feasibility study will soon be launched to gauge the parish's support for the next capital campaign. We'll also learn whether parishioners have any outstanding concerns or issues that need to be address prior to starting the next campaign. Letter from Fr. Steven will accompany communication to parishioners
 b. A new, part time youth coordinator has been hired: Elizabeth McCanna.
- VI. Closing prayer (5 minutes) Mary Pat

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be September 15, 2015.