

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
6:30 PM – Conference Room 1

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

Members not present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Joe Towle

Ex-officio members present: Helen Wilkie

Ex-officio members not present: Jim Oricchio

I. Opening Prayer Sarah Larsen provided hospitality and Helen Wilkie shared a Marian reflection along with petitions to Mary and all said a Hail Mary

II. Approval of Agenda and any additions Approved as presented with an additional item F – Youth Group

III. New Business

A. Election of officers

1. Helen opened the discussion and asked for nominees. Alice Sheeler was asked to continue as Secretary, Lance Miller volunteered to be Vice Chair, and Sarah Larsen was asked to be the Chair. All accepted and were approved by the committee.

B. Finance Council reports for May through August

1. Members reviewed the report for August, since this was the only one available. New fiscal year started July 1, figures were based on allocating the budget over the fiscal year. PPC asked for input from Jim Fink and Finance Council for October meeting – email or in person.

C. Fall Festival

1. This year's festival will take a different spin from Community Building, which has been the focus the last 4 years, in an attempt to raise funds to support our Parish. Parishioners have been asked to step forward and participate and have been very generous. Volunteers reached out to local businesses for donations. Vendors are set to sell products and may donate some proceeds. Sale of raffle tickets going well. The one Mass format time change will be emphasized weeks prior to Festival. Again this year, most venues will be inside.

D. Stewardship Update

1. Last meeting was in July. Work on Stewardship has returned to in-house, led by the Stewardship Committee. There will be a Ministry Fair the weekend of September 27-28 where parishioners can see ministry opportunities available and get more information.

E. Status of Priest Assignment

1. Helen Wilkie reported that there was no new news. Staff and parish leadership met back in July with the clergy assignment board to give input on what the parish needed and what qualifications would best help the new incoming pastor. Sarah Larsen, who also attended the meeting, thought the exchange went well. The following were highlights & ideas from the discussion regarding our parish needs:
 - a) Bring the parish back together, start healing after all these months
 - b) Could a healing Mass or Holy hour be scheduled
 - c) Reach out to Fr. Lachowitzer or Bishop Cozzens for help with outreach to parish
 - d) Stay positive, trying to find right fit to heal and reunite
 - e) Show all the good that has been done in the last 9 months by the parish working as a team
 - f) Continue to thank and support staff
 - g) Reach out to Fr. Lachowitzer and Archbishop Nienstedt for possible meeting with one or both
 - h) Reach out to Fr. O'Brien to see if he could help with healing Mass/Holy hour
 - i) Thank you dinner for all the priests who have helped with weekend liturgies

F. Workcamp

1. Helen Wilkie reported that the parish has been helping to subsidize the Workcamp trips the last several years. PPC questioned how the places were chosen and why so far away, as with the last trip. The Council of Catholic Women has also donated to these trips. Try to reach out and do other fundraisers such as bagging groceries to raise money. Work on improving communications with the parish regarding the Workcamp activities.

IV. Old Business - none

VI. Closing prayer Sarah Larsen and committee recited the Hail Mary and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2014