

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
November 12, 2014

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Shirley Fumich, Joe Hartman, Liz Welborn, Tom Fumich, Nancy Leciejewski, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Cheryle Koberna, Michael Cox, Vince Loparo, and Niki Sherman.

Absent: Vince Loparo

Opening Prayer: Vince Farrell led us in prayer.

Minutes were accepted as written.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman reported that she has read some of the materials and learned that Vacation Bible School falls under the Education Commission. Father Bob will seek insight from Sister Sean and Deb Lamolinara and then work with Niki to determine the direction of this Commission.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that the Commission, which meets the 3rd Saturday of the month, is still feeling their way. Vince wants to encourage the small faith sharing groups. They have struggled with trying to learn what others in the area are doing. They have received a great deal of material from the Diocesan office that they will be reviewing.

Parish Life – Vince Farrell shared that the parent's afternoon out is set for December 14th – and they are working to get the word out as last year's afternoon was cancelled due to a lack of signups. This event will be in the bulletin, as well as in the day school and PSR packets. Pro Life met at 5:30 on Tuesday. The signature signups for the January 22, 2014 anti-abortion ad money is due in by January 6, 2014. We hope that St. Peter will have a stronger representation than last year. The funds from the ad are used to pay for the full page ad and anti-abortion billboards in the area.

The Advent Prayer Partners & Breakfast is being organized – the breakfast will be on Sunday, December 14, 2014 after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Social Justice – will have no meeting until December.

Spiritual Life – Cheryl Koberna reported that they are working on several things. They were looking at the St. Ignatius Exercises; to be offered at St. Rafael's (it is a 10 week program). The presenter of the St Ignatian exercises will give 3 talks at St Peter in February focusing on

discernment. The Spiritual Life commission will offer the Life in the Spirit Seminar, a 5 or 6 week program that may be offered during the Easter season

Other programs being considered are a Biblical walk through of the Mass, another thirty-three (33) days to Morning Glory and Father Robert Barron's Evangelization series.

Mike shared that things are going well with the youth groups. He has been talking with Sister Pat about a Day Retreat, maybe in May on Mary as our mother for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The Edge program averages 25-30 participants per evening. The high school program lags (attendance of 5-6 currently). This program will take a few years to grow. Hoping to introduce Service Projects next year, as the group grows and matures. There was a Retreat day for child servers with about 20 attendees. It was a worthwhile endeavor.

Donut Sunday scheduling update – Hosts are scheduled through June. Registration Sunday is also the first Sunday of the month and new parishioners have to choose between donuts and registering. Vince will let the Parish Life Commission know that we will entertain changing registration to the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Another Holy Hour has been calendared for November 19th 7-8 p.m.

Discussion of chapter 6 "It's the weekend stupid" of Rebuilt: Ideas about what the Parish could do now to improve St. Peter now were submitted as follows:
Recognition and acknowledgement formats and venues.
How to communicate a willingness to bring up the gifts to the altar at the Offertory and what this presentation represents.
Displaying pictures and/or collages of prior activities (especially as the next event date approaches) as a way to spark interest and encourage sharing.
Add a Bulletin Blurb by Blurb on the Mass and then the Liturgy.
Revive greeters – visit other parishes and learn how they approach/train their greeters. This could be assigned to the Spiritual Life Commission.

Parish Council members should be reading Forming Intentional Disciples.

New Business:

Consider handing out Bulletins after Mass rather than having them available before.
Hand sanitizers are available at the church doors for use – Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharistic are encouraged to utilize if they do not have a personal one with them.
Consideration will be given to updating the Parish Directory.

Old Business:

The other North Ridgeville ministerial representatives were interested in the possibility of forming an Inter-faith softball or baseball league – Father Bob will share the contact information of those who expressed an interest with Joe so that he may contact and explore this possibility.

Al researched the churches and schools of North Ridgeville and provided a list of each to the Parish Council members so that we might lift them up in prayer and ask God to bring all into His fold and unite us in our love of Him.

Pastor's Report: Father Bob reminded us of the upcoming events:

Sunday, 11-23-14 7:00 p.m. St. Peters Church is hosting an Ecumenical Prayer Service. There will be a collection for Community Care with a social time and Volleyball afterwards in the gym.

Thursday, 11-27-14 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass – St. Julies parishioners will be joining us.

Saturday, 11-29-14 – Advent begins.

Saturday, 11-29-14 – Women's Religious appeal.

Saturday, 12-6-14 - Christmas Craft (over 90 craft booths are to be there) Bazaar in the gym.

Saturday and Sunday, 12-6-14 & 12-7-14 – the Olive Wood carving lady will be here.

Monday, 12-8-14 Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There will be no Sunday vigil Mass.

Sunday, 12-14-14 – Advent Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, 12-14-14 7:00 p.m. – Communal Penance Service @ St. Julies

March 22-23-24, 2015 – Parish Mission with St. Julies.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting is January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Mike will lead the opening prayer and Liz will bring the snacks.