

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
September 14, 2016

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Fr. Andrew Hoover, Al Speigle, Cheryle Koberna, Vince Loparo, Niki Sherman, Dave Zarrelli, Karen Cristino, Jackie Masaveg, Adam Klemens, and John Berger.

Absent: Angela Finney.

Opening Prayer: Father Bob led us in prayer. Gospel Reflection was a reading of the steward relieved of his stewardship by the master.

A few minutes were used to introduce Council Members not present at the retreat to those who were. The introduction was brief as only three members were unable to attend the retreat.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Nothing to report at this. The commission requires further review of the guidelines based on the information Cheryle has provided Niki. The guidelines are to be reviewed by Father Bob, Niki Sherman, and Sister Sean. – Niki Sherman

Evangelization – The commission will start up in January 2017 and Chris Bak has accepted the position of Chairperson. – Dave Zarrelli

Parish Life – Nothing to report at this time. – Angela Finney

Social Justice – Nothing to report at this time. - Vince Loparo

Spiritual Life – The commission met over the summer and focused on The Year of Mercy.

Youth Ministry – Nothing to report

Parish Expectations – Fr. Bob shared an extract from the book “Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission” by Fr. James Mallon. After the council members had the opportunity to read the extract we discussed our thoughts. Fr. Bob then summarized the first few chapters pointing out that the book is a rather “heavy read.” Following the summary and discussion an open discussion took place to glean ideas to engage parishioners.

The Dream List (as listed from the brainstorming at the retreat). *(I am not certain if this was a topic of discussion at the retreat; so if anyone has information on this please let me know – John)*

Old Business:

For the past three years it has become a ritual to Pray the Rosary before weekend masses during the month of October. A schedule for leaders of the Saturday five o'clock Mass and the Sunday eight, ten, and twelve o'clock Mass will be organized.

Water Project collected just under \$10,000 and the Parish will round it up to that number. With all the participation from the students and the remaining water bottles we will look to give one to every student that participated.

Year of Mercy ends in November and a summary of the year will be completed in November. A Pilgrimage to Holy Door is scheduled for October 22, 2016. A clothing drive for prisoners was discussed and more information will be provided.

New Business:

Cheryle Koberna presented a guide for the various commissions

Pastor's Report:

Father Bob shared a web site <https://symboloncatholic.org> . The symbolon website has moved to <https://formed.org> regarding forming small groups.

Confirmation has been set to be held at the 8th grade level. This year it will be a larger than usual group since it will include 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. The dates for Confirmation and receptions are May 3-4, 2017.

Closing Prayer:

Father Bob led us in closing prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2016 at 7:00pm