

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
September 9, 2015

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Joe Hartman, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Cheryle Koberna, Vince Loparo, Niki Sherman, Dave Zarrelli, Angela Finney and Liz Welborn.

Absent: Shirley Fumich.

Opening Prayer: Father Bob led us in prayer.

A few minutes were used to introduce Council Members not present at the retreat to the new members – they were already well known to each other, so this was brief.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – The guide lines are to be reviewed by Father Bob, Niki & Sister Sean – Cheryle will forward the information that she has located to Niki.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that the next meeting will be on September 19th – the call program has had an initial limited introduction.

Parish Life – Angela Finney will be the new liaison for the Parish Life Commission – their first meeting will be Saturday, September 12th. The Fall Festival will be October 10th.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that the Social Justice is focusing on the upcoming Fall Festival – they will again supply pumpkins (either from the garden or through purchase) for the Pumpkin Patch for the children at the Fall Festival.

Spiritual Life – Cheryl Koberna reported that the Spiritual Life Commission met over the summer. They have been brainstorming. Consecration to Mary was offered over the summer. A choir recruitment has been announced and Adoration has been promoted. They are proposing the following: Works of Mercy – Corporal and Spiritual – focus on a different one each month, invite a Marian priest, possible Father Michael Gately to speak, pray the rosary before Saturday & Sunday Masses during October, invite Bishop to celebrate a Mass at St. Peter Church, website enhancement offer more spiritual education, Morning and Evening Prayer.

Youth Ministry – Edge has moved to Wednesdays, so Michael Cox will be unable to attend Parish Council meetings.

The Dream List (as listed from the brainstorming at the retreat) was reviewed. The highlights/summary of what we would like to begin emphasizing from the portion of the list covered were Sunday Family Mass – the next one is scheduled for October 11th and then once a month, have more parishioners actively involved and be more welcoming.

It was agreed that snacks during future meeting breaks will be discontinued and members will bring their own drinks.

Old Business:

Praying the Rosary before the weekend masses during the month of October shall be organized. Joe volunteered to solicit individuals to lead the rosary for each of the masses. “How to Pray the Rosary” of some form (prayer cards and/or full page flyers) will be made available at the church entrances.

Parish Directory: Additional sittings are being offered on Thursday, September 24th, Friday, September 25th and Saturday, September 26th. Joe will solicit greeters to assist with signing the parishioners in.

Inter-Faith North Ridgeville Coed Baseball League information as a means of involving younger adults in and activity related to the parish was shared. Players would need to be 18 or over and be an active parishioner. If the league goes through the city of N. Ridgeville, it would cost \$25.00 per team per game – this would include a ball and an umpire; but would have to be held on Saturday or Sunday. Joe will check into interest among some of the other churches in North Ridgeville.

New Business:

Al Speigle shared information and flyers on The Cursillo. The Cursillo will be offered at St. Augustus @ West 14th St., Cleveland. It is a chance to get well grounded in the 3 persons of God over 4 days. There is a nominal fee.

Donut Sunday is now the 2nd Sunday of the month. Vince Farrell will continue to solicit hosts for each month. Parish Council volunteered to host the November 11th Donut Sunday.

Pastor’s Report: Father Bob shared that he is planning to introduce Evening Prayer and Morning Prayer. He is contemplating offering to share Morning Prayer before weekday Masses with the morning Mass crowd and/or Evening Prayer at 5:05 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. (before the start of 7:00 p.m. meetings) – with a longer term goal of teaching others to lead the prayers. Weather permitting, work on the church roof is scheduled to commence on September 21st.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 9:08 p.m.

Next meeting is October 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Dave will lead the opening prayer.