

**ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Parish Council Minutes**  
**May 13, 2015**

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Shirley Fumich, Tom Fumich, Nancy Leciejewski, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Michael Cox, Vince Loparo, and Liz Welborn.

Absent: Joe Hartman, Cheryle Koberna, and Niki Sherman.

Opening Prayer: Father Bob Franco led us in prayer.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Father Bob reported that although the commission has not met in the last month, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is moving ahead with much gusto under the direction of Mike Cox. Niki has received information on the Date Night program and is working on a series of 6 nights from September through March (about once a month) with appetizers.

Evangelization – They will meet this Saturday. Father Bob and Jerry met on April 28<sup>th</sup> about a calling program (calls to registered Parishioners to ask how they are doing, remind them of upcoming events and ask if there is anything we can do for them – spiritually or corporally) and worked out a script. This is a very soft sell reminder that they are members of the parish.

Parish Life – Vince Farrell reported that they met last Saturday. Their upcoming events include Pentecost Sunday (May 24<sup>th</sup>), celebrating the birthday of the Church with cookies after the Saturday evening Mass and donuts and balloons after the Sunday Masses, and Summer Vacation Blessing on June 5<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m. with finger painting, balloons, ice cream and maybe something more.

Pro Life Committee will meet on Tuesday. They are contemplating meeting in church every Monday from noon until 1:00 p.m. to pray the rosary.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that three members of the Commission met on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Commission recognizes that they need more active members and Father Bob Sanson, who currently heads the commission, will need to be replaced in a year.

The Rice Bowls raised \$3,403.06. Baby Bottles were to be made available Mother's Day weekend and will be collected Father's Day weekend. Birthright will be beneficiary of these funds.

A pot luck after the Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> Mass with a talk and movie on St. Pope John 23 and his goals of world peace, Christian unity, dialogue with Jews, Muslims and other non-Christians. Two pot lucks are being proposed for in the fall for September and October on Archbishop Romero and Martyrs Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU and Miss Jean Donovan.

The Garden committee met Monday – volunteers new to the committee this year were in attendance and a field trip to the garden area was conducted to scope out the space. Considering adding Kale and other turnips to the community garden this year.

Spiritual Life – no report was available.

Mike reported that during the last Edge night, they composed letters to their mothers. Life Teen Bible study is focusing on Mary and the life of a mother. Also letters to mothers.

Summer plans:

Edge will probably be bigger.

Stuebenville in June with 6 teens and 2 chaperones.

Weekend of 5/30 – 5/31 they will be selling fundraiser cards (the funds will be used to help fund next year's budget).

Vince Farrell reported that host volunteers are needed for Donut Sundays.

Discussion of Rebuilt Chapter 12 “Be Restorers” what could we do?:

Mission Groups or fundraising to sponsor a group.

At the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards a current Freshman came back to talk and spoke of having gone to Mississippi to clean up after tornados and how good it felt to help.

Racial Tension Relief – pair up with a predominantly African American group to work and witness together.

Habitat for Humanity.

Community Care for needy – a Saturday work day for person(s) and/or institutions who need housework, yard work, etc., either as part of a wider group or just as St. Peter Church.

Corn Fest – the Evangelization Commission is no longer interested in doing the booth. The Corn Fest is August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. A suggestion was made to simplify, purchase a life size cut-out of Pope Francis and offer “have a selfie with Pope Francis”.

Old and New Business –

Rosary Leaders for all Masses in May have been obtained.

Hosts and Hostesses are needed for the Parish Directory – call Joe Hartman at 440-371-9071 to volunteer.

The terms of Tom Fumich, Vince Loparo and Nancy Leciejewski are ending – elections are this coming weekend – and their service was gratefully acknowledged. It has been a pleasure serving with them and they will be missed.

Pastor's Report: Father Bob shared the following items:

Parish Council elections are this coming weekend.

This is a time of transition for the St. Peter School.

Sister Pat, Fran and Pam Nolan (Gym teacher) are retiring.

There will be a meet and greet for the new Principal, Roger C. Brooks next Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Nicole will head up the after school care Saint's Club next year.

A potential Gym Teacher candidate has been identified.

The Grateful Giving Campaign is going well.

It is registration time for next school year.

Thank you to the Parish Council members for this year's service. Hope to pick up in the fall with where we left off and do some meaningful outreach in the years ahead.

June 27, 2015 is the date for the Joyfully Gifted Retreat.

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

Next meeting is the Retreat which has not yet been scheduled; but, will probably be August 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Michael Cox will bring the snacks for the first regular meeting next fall.