

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
October 8, 2014

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

Absent: Fr. Bob Franco.

Opening Prayer: Al Speigle led us in prayer.

The minutes of the September 10th, 2014 meeting were reviewed and a correction will be made.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman reported the PTU has the Fall Festival coming up this Saturday October 11th. Friday, October 10th will be VIP day at St. Peter School. PSR started on Monday, October 6th. The Parenting Group has begun.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell stated that the Commission members are reading the book Rebuilt. They are not doing much at this time. The Knights of Columbus want to erect a monument to the unborn – to be dedicated on All Souls Day. They are also reading Fr. Gonser's book on evangelization.

Meetings are Saturday morning after the men's breakfast. They anticipate having signups for Right to Life ads to be run on January 22, 2015.

Parish Life Commission will provide the fire for the s'mores at the Fall Festival. Discussions have begun for the planning of the Women's Luncheon in the spring. Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related the following from the meeting of September 20, 2014. September was Recovery Month. Recovery related to alcohol, drug abuse, mental and emotional illness. October is on Domestic Violence Month.

The Crop Walk was October 4th (at least 6 persons from St. Peters participated – total participation was estimated between 40 and 60). 25% of the funds raised stay within the community.

The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be November 23, 2014 at St. Peters at 7:00 p.m.

The Vincentians of St. Peters are to announce Blanket Sunday in October and The Giving Tree during Advent (The Giving Tree goes up November 27th).

Rice Bowls will be provided for Lent.

Soup for Soul Fundraiser for Community Care will be at Toms Country Place.

An anonymous donor is donating pumpkins to the PTU Fall Festival.

The Garden is being put away for the season.

The next meeting will be December 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Some Actions Items:

Persecuted Christians in the Middle East – promote Eucharistic solidarity. All Catholic Churches have been closed and the people have asked us to receive the Eucharist for them and go to adoration.

El Salvador, Possibly have a Pot Luck Dinner with video presentation on Sister Dorothy Kazel. Jim Kazel, brother of Dorothy, may be willing to come for a talk.

For October, planning to obtain information to put in the back of the church and write an article for the bulletin.

Spiritual Life – Cheryle reported that their meeting is next week.

Joe reported that volunteers to lead the before Mass rosary for the month of October have been identified and all Masses (except the Sunday Contemporary Mass) are covered.

Joe presented the outline of potential Interfaith Ball Team guidelines as follows:

Purpose: To Grow in Faith and Community

Guidelines: Per Committee

1. Age
2. Number of players on field: 9-10?
3. Substitution
4. MUST be in your congregation
5. Church must be in North Ridgeville proper
6. Length of season by league

Additional information – Facilities: Able to reserve Shady Grove for July, August and September at \$75.00 per game. Commitment by 1/2015. Contact: Kevin at North Ridgeville Rec. Dept.

Vince Farrell reported that he had sent an email about hosting donut Sunday. Niki noted that the PTU will host two Sundays. The Parish Council will host the November donut Sunday.

Making the persecuted Christians service a regular monthly event was discussed – possibly the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Discussion about the book Rebuilt: Tom reported on a visit to Father Larry Richard's church (he brought back a bulletin that he shared) in Pennsylvania. What he particularly noted was that there is a lot of delegation (the priest and general office are often Not the primary or first contact number), nobody left Mass early ("surely none of you will want to insult God by leaving before the Mass is over) and seemed to be okay with it (the Mass was an hour and a half long). They had an event scheduled and required all parishioners to sign up to help with something.

Rebuilt leads us to believe that we need a plan and a message. St. Jude's school receives vouchers for students as Elyria is a failing school district. There may be more that can be done for St. Peter School to beat our own drum with news releases with the success stories of our students.

The physical limitations of the church building and the need for young ideas were discussed. Discussion also included the role(s) of ushers, greeters, seaters, and other ministries.

New Business – Should we explore utilizing FaceBook and/or Instagram?

Michael Cox reported that Edge (Middle School – 6th, 7th & 8th Graders) Team is off to a strong start with 30-40 a night. The female/male mix is the expected norm.

The High School group is having a slow start with 3-4 per night. This age group usually takes a few years to grow the core group.

The 2nd Thursday of the month is Teen Adoration night.

They are good on adult volunteers for now.

There are 5 regulars at Bible night.

Middle School recruitment has focused on St. Peter School recess and lunch. Now that PSR is underway, recruiting there will be anticipated.

Reminders in the form of an Instagram with the day, time and a teaser of what is planned is sent the day of.

No Pastor's Report.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm with closing prayers.

The next meeting is November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Vince Farrell will lead the opening prayer and Nancy will bring the snacks.