

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
March 11, 2015

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Liz Welborn, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Cheryle Koberna, and Niki Sherman.

Absent: Shirley Fumich, Joe Hartman, Tom Fumich, Nancy Leciejewski, Michael Cox, and Vince Loparo.

Opening Prayer: Liz Welborn led us in prayer.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Father Bob reported that Vacation Bible School (VBS) had a nice initial organization meeting with both adults and teenagers in attendance. Dates (July 19th through July 23rd) were chosen and a theme selected. Laura Bucci volunteered to be the contact person for the group. The next meeting for VBS is scheduled for next week.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that Connie made a presentation at their last meeting (3rd Saturday – February 21st). The presentation will be polished and presented to Father Bob. Their next meeting will be in April.

Parish Life – Vince Farrell shared that the Women’s Luncheon was a wonderful success last weekend.

The Pro-Life Committee has been observing 40 days for Life from noon until 1:00 p.m. on Mondays during Lent. The last three (3) Mondays they have been praying in the church due to the extreme weather conditions we have been experiencing.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo was absent; but, it was noted that the Garden Committee had met and discussed reviving the Pumpkin Patch. Rice Bowls were handed out as planned and are due to be turned in on Palm Sunday.

Spiritual Life – Cheryl Koberna reported that they have the Life in the Spirit Seminar coming up. A Gifts Retreat (a day retreat to discern spiritual gifts and how to use them) is being planned for around the end of June. The Retreat will be followed by a 4-week session of small groups.

This led to a brief discussion of small groups and their focus/workings, as Father Bob has been researching how churches with successful small groups got theirs started and/or their philosophy.

Father Bill Thaden began with the existing Parish groups and started to focus on the Sunday Scriptures. He started a group that met for a year with the idea that they would be the leaders of the next wave of small groups.

Father Bob also met with Kevin Crow, Pastor of Harvest Ridge. Harvest has many small groups. Their groups gravitate by gifts.

Rick Warren is considered by many to be the guru of small groups.

Father Baranowski's approach is forward focusing – review and contemplate the next Sunday's scriptures.

Youth Ministry – Mike Cox is putting together the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday – Living Stations.

Youth Ministry is also organizing the Easter Egg Hunt for Palm Sunday.

Starting in August, the Life Teen Mass is moving to the Noon Mass on Sunday. The Edge & Life programs will work around this time.

Rebuilt - Chapter 11 "Get the Parish Out of the Pews" – how to organize and promote the movement. A suggestion of a Honor Marriage Sunday – to celebrate all of those couples celebrating a significant anniversary.

Cheryle will again reach out about a financial seminar.

Old Business – Discover the Ridge will be promoted with a Craft Show on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Education Center. A booth is \$75.00. Joe put the Discover the Ridge organizers in touch with Shelley (who works the St. Peter Craft Bazaar).

Nancy had asked Cheryle to request additional volunteers for help in straightening the church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Nancy's group had done a lot more than is usually done. The lighter approach is accomplished quicker with fewer people.

Plans are moving ahead with Ralph Daugherty of Life Touch to renew the Parish Directory. Possible dates would be in June and July.

New Business – There will be no Donut Sunday in April as we will be celebrating Easter!

Al offered the book Pierced By A Sword free of charge to members of the council to read as pure Lenten book.

Thoughts of a music recital or concert were discussed along with a religious music flash mob.

Theology on tap (a National Movement), Norm Douglas (the priest who will be speaking) and Answer the Call scheduled for March 21, 2015 were discussed.

Pastor's Report: Father Bob shared that he had experienced an amazing day. The following items contributed:

The Grateful Giving Campaign will be March-April-May.

A Principal has been selected – the offer made, accepted and Roger Brooks signed the contract today.

Someone to oversee the aftercare program has been identified.

Counseling of Marital issues.

There will be no Chapter of Rebuilt to be reviewed and discussed next month as Father Bob will be unable to attend.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer. The meeting closed at 8:49 p.m.

Next meeting is April 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Cheryle will lead the opening prayer and Shirley will bring the snacks. Father Bob will lead the opening prayer for the May meeting.