

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

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

Absent: No one.

Opening Prayer: Liz Welborn led us in prayer.

The minutes were approved with corrections.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman had no report.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that some of the members were able to attend workshops at Holy Family in Parma. Some sessions were felt to be better than others. Helpful materials were obtained from the “Catholics Coming Home” session.

Parish Life – Angela Finney shared that their meeting will be this upcoming Saturday at 10:00 a.m. They will be working on the Parent’s Afternoon Out and do a little on the Women’s Luncheon.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that their meeting will be on Saturday, November 21st. The garden has been put away for the year. They need an idea to keep the deer away from the garden next year. They will be exploring the use of Fair Trade coffee for the Donut Sunday coffee. Father Bob gave a brief explanation of what Fair Trade is and how the coffee could be impacted.

Spiritual Life – Cheryl Koberna reported that they have met several times and a complete report is presented under Old Business.

Discussion: Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples chapters one & two were reviewed and discussed using the questions for the chapters as a guiding framework.

Chapter One “The Generation of Saints” focused on France from the late 1500s through the mid 1600s. At the beginning of this time most Frenchmen had fallen away from the Catholic faith. A movement of evangelization and prayer totally revitalized the faith in France and produced a significant number of Saints.

Chapter Two "Praying It Forward: Intercession and the Transformation of Your Parish" led us into thoughts on how to form and facilitate the ministry of intercessors and intercessory prayer groups.

Some of the ideas discussed were praying a Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday, evening Mass during the week, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer beginning during Advent. Using iBreviary (or similar) web prayer site to promote and invite the use of Smart Phones to join in the prayers without being physically present in the church.

Old Business:

Works of Mercy (Year of Mercy): Cheryle Koberna shared the outline of the plans the Spiritual Life Commission has worked on to fulfill this charge.

What is Mercy?/Receiving God's Mercy.

Rediscovering Jesus

Bulletin and Internet education

Speakers

Handout materials/pamphlets

The Spiritual Life Commission has created an overall plan for a Theme per Month, beginning December 8, 2015 through the celebration of Christ the King in November 2016, with activities and challenges for each theme.

The first Theme will be introduced the weekend of December 12th – 13th along with a request for help.

Seven of the months will have a focus on a particular Spiritual and Corporal Work of Mercy.

A web page with the plan and support for following the plan.

Making The Divine Image and "the Final Confrontation" pamphlet available to all parishioners.

Living the Eucharist

Much assistance will be needed to implement the plan prepared by the Spiritual Life Commission – they have really put a lot of work into developing this plan!

Vince Farrell thanked the Council for their hosting of Donut Sunday and stated that he has volunteers in place to host the remaining Donut Sundays of the 2015-2016 year.

Joe Hartman shared that he had reached out (via email) to pastors of 12 of 14 North Ridgeville churches to see if there was interest in having an interdenominational softball league. Three of the pastors have expressed an interest. There was no response from the others. We would need at least six teams to have a viable league. Joe will make another attempt to reach the pastors from whom no response has been received.

Eighth Grade Pancake Breakfast (\$6.00 per person) is this coming Sunday, November 15, 2015.

It is time to sign up for the Advent Prayer Partner & Breakfast.

New Business:

“In the dark? Follow the Son!” and other thought provoking phrases are passive reminders to pray. We should have a few books with phrases like these and are hoping to begin using them on our sign.

Addition of last names to the Prayer Request list was discussed.

A Wednesday night series of “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” will be offered.

We will hold off on circulating the Time & Talent survey and work instead with requests for assistance with the Spiritual Life Commission’s Year of Mercy plan.

Joe Hartman shared a Music Ministry paragraph on Music as Entertainment vs. Music as Liturgy with the Council.

There was discussion of having the Reader introduce the entrance song and celebrant, then head to the back of the church and process in.

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

A “thank you” to the Parish Council members for coming.

The inserts in the Bulletin this coming weekend:

Advent Prayer Partners and Breakfast – be sure to sign up.

Kairos – without hope you cannot change – Kairos is hope.

Raise Your Paddle – the primary fund raiser for St. Peter School.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer.

Our next meeting is January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will review Chapters 3 & 4 of Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples. Vince Farrell will lead the opening prayer.

Meeting closed at 9:08 p.m.