

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
February 17, 2016

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

Absent: Vince Farrell

Opening Prayer: Cheryle Koberna led us in prayer.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman had no report.

Evangelization – Father Bob reported that the phone committee is not yet organized. The Evangelization Commission is reading the book Catholics Come Home and hope to have a program in the fall.

Parish Life – Angela Finney shared that the Parish Life Commission met last Saturday. They are working on the Women's Luncheon which is coming up on April 16th. They currently have 13 tables with hostesses and will probably have 15 by the time of the luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person. The menu and raffles have been finalized. Vince Farrell has resigned from the Parish Life Commission. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that the Social Justice Commission met last Saturday and discussed the refugee flyer from a few weeks ago (services based in St. Augusta Towers). Catholic Charities are currently serving around 375 refugees currently in Cleveland (not all are Catholics). The staff teaches cultural life skills. Rice Bowls have been distributed and the Commission discussed Fair Trade coffee. Baby bottles for Right to Life will be distributed Mother's Day Weekend and collected Father's Day Weekend. They are seeking a new co-coordinator.

Spiritual Life – Cheryle Koberna reported that they talked about the Year of Mercy plans and Lent.

Vince Farrell is resigning from the Parish Council. Father Bob (with the approval of all members) will invite Adam Klemens to complete Vince Farrell's term.

Discussion of Chapters 5 “A Parish Moves Ahead” and 6 “Fireside Chats” of Becoming a Parish Of Intentional Disciples ensued.

Discussion of Chapter 5 “A Parish Moves Ahead” revolved around what we have done and/or are doing in helping with gift identification, sharing the why as well as the what (why it is important to help connect and engage) identifying visitors & welcoming (without overwhelming) them, and greeters.

Discussion of forming a Prayer Team – praying for specific intentions - were inspired by Chapter 6 “Fireside Chats”.

Mercy Packets have been picked up, sent home with day school and PSR students. There remain 1,152 packets to be delivered.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is being prayed before the Masses during Lent – leaders have been mostly identified.

The Works of Mercy Bulletin Column and/or flyers will hi-light as follows:

March 6 th	Eucharist
March 13 th	Divine Mercy Novena
March 20 th	The 3 O'clock Hour
March 27 th	Feast

A six week book study on The Works of Mercy is being planned.

Divine Mercy 101 will be presented March 6th @ 1:15 p.m.

The Pope's Angelus message “To be a Christian is to be a Missionary” was shared.

Consider partnering with an inner-city Parish (perhaps Holy Name) – remembering that a partnership is a two way street, each brings something to help the other.

New Business:

Next Month we will discuss Chapter 7 “Rethinking Youth Ministry” of Becoming a Parish Of Intentional Disciples.

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

Considering a shift to having the Lector offer a greeting.

Vince Farrell's resignation from the Parish Council and the inviting of Adam Klemens to complete Vince's unfinished term.

The formation of a Prayer Warrior Team.

Have the committees and commissions review the questions from Chapter 4 of Becoming a Parish Of Intentional Disciples in connection with their committee or commission.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 9:02 p.m.

Next meeting is March 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Dave will lead the opening prayer.