

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council Minutes
March 9, 2016

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

Absent: Joe Hartman.

Opening Prayer: Dave Zarrelli led us in prayer.

The minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting were approved with a spelling correction.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – There was nothing to report.

Evangelization – Father Bob reported that they are trying to get people to embrace the responsibilities of Catholics Come Home and recruit a team to foster the program. Dave volunteered to be the liaison for this commission going forward.

Parish Life – Angela Finney noted that the Parish Life Commission will meet this coming Saturday.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that there was nothing to report.

Spiritual Life – Cheryle Koberna reported that they will meet next week.

Old Business:

Discussion of Chapter 7: “Rethinking Youth Ministry” of Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples was especially timely, with the resignation of Michael Cox as the Parish Youth Minister.

Michael had adopted the Edge and Life programs as the St. Peter youth program. As we are only into the 2nd year of the programs, it is early to determine the effectiveness of the programs in our parish. We have not really been measuring the effectiveness of our youth programs; but, it has been observed that parents who are actively involved in the parish have children that are also active through high school and even into college.

Niki Sherman and Cheryle Koberna volunteered to set up a meeting to begin the set up/organization of this year’s Vacation Bible School. It was noted that our Vacation Bible

School has been using the Big Group Set model. Consideration and thought will be given to whether to continue using this model or consider other options.

Works of Mercy:

A pilgrimage to the Cathedral is being organized. It is hoped to be arranged for possibility a Saturday in June. Thought is being given to coordinating the journey to include both a Mass and confessions at the Cathedral – to meet the requirements of the indulgence.

Exploring clean water options – conservation measures, collect bottled water for those whose water is not potable, collections to build a well for a village in need.

Packet deliveries are going well. All of the packets for parishioners who reside in North Ridgeville are out for delivery – some of those making deliveries have come back for more packets. There has been some good feedback from the recipients too.

The Works of Mercy have begun appearing in the Bulletin. Feed the hungry, Instruct the ignorant and give drink (water) to the thirsty are the current works. The 2nd showing of Divine Mercy 101 had a good attendance, as did the first showing.

Works of Mercy book study will help us learn about the works and implementing/integrating them into our everyday lives.

Cheryle will co-ordinate with Father Bob on the presentation of the questions on pages 81-82 of Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples to the commissions and other groups to use in helping us move from a maintenance driven parish to a mission driven parish.

Praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is being prayed before the weekend Masses during Lent.

A meeting of the Lectors is being scheduled for April 9th. Having the Lectors offer greetings before Mass will be introduced.

Al volunteered to lead the opening prayer in April.

Pastor's Report:

Father Bob shared that the Mercy packets have been well received.

Father Bob encouraged all members of the Parish Council to attend the Parish Mission this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

There is much happening in St. Peter Parish on Palm Sunday – Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, making Crosses from Palm Fronds and the collection of the Rice Bowls.

There has been a slight increase in vocations both worldwide and within our diocese. While this is encouraging, there is still likely to be a deficit of clergy as more of the baby boomers reach retirement age. When pinched, Mass schedules are revamped and there could be more parish closings.

Plans are moving forward on the driveway to Root Road.

Bids are expected for the interior painting of the church.

Lots of compliments have been received on our new sign.

Crews are working on the sewer on parish property (this is part of the work for the widening of Center Ridge Road).

New Business:

Cheryle reminded us that it will soon be time to begin the voting for 3 Parish Council members as the terms of 3 members will be up the end of May.

St. Peter School registration for the 2016-17 school year is about 100 currently.

Niki shared a list that she was given by a parishioner that delineated Father Bob Franco's gifts that he shares with us.

We shall remember Father James Beatty and Father Stephen Kaminsky in our prayers.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting is April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Al will lead the opening prayer.