

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

## Minutes of Meeting April 20, 2009

**Present:** Dennis Adamski, John Breen, Jim Cannon, Tom Gavin, Jim McCarthy, Kevin Neis, Maureen Overman, Tom Rogers, Jillian Pociask, Fr. Milota, Marty Szczech

**Absent:** Liz Aderton, Jane Bowers

**Guests:** Pam Adamski, Sue Jelenik

### **I. Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Maureen Overman. Fr. Milota led the opening prayer.

### **II. Minutes**

The minutes of the February 16, 2009 meeting were approved

### **III. Open Forum**

Jillian Pociask reported that the large teen groups are going well. Their 30 hour food fast was successful. The July service trip to New Orleans they are planning is still not finalized.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Neighborhood Meetings Update**

The next Neighborhood gathering is on Saturday, April 25, at the Rectory. Names of invitees were handed out to the council members to make personal calls inviting the people to attend.

#### **B. Status Report from Ad Hoc Committee for Rewrite of Constitution**

John Breen reviewed the changes to the draft of the Constitution. He had incorporated the changes agreed to at the last council meeting. These were highlighted in the current draft that was handed out. The Council approved the rewrite with the following changes;

Option one of the mission statement had a couple lines added to more reflect the consensus of the group from the other options.

Commission council member should be the Chairperson of the commission. This will foster better communication between the commission and council.

An additional commission and commissioner were approved by the council to represent the new Evangelization ministry at Ss Peter and Paul that Fr. Milota discussed during the Pastor's Comments section of the meeting.

**V. New Business**

There are 7 parishioners that have expressed an interest to Fr. Milota to be on the parish council. We will run their biographies in the bulletin for 2 weeks prior to the elections on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The top 3 vote getters will be elected to the council.

**VI. Pastor's Comments**

Fr. Milota had hand outs for the two new positions replacing Christine Kancewick and Joanne Kuttner. While many of the duties will remain the same, there will be an emphasis on the New Evangelization of adults and youths. This is appropriate since we are in the Pauline Year celebration.

As part of the emphasis on this new direction, Pastoral Hall will be renamed St. Paul Center for the New Evangelization.

**VII. Commission Reports**

A. Worship

Dennis Adamski said that the commission had not met since the last Parish Council meeting so he had no report. He asked for input on what the council had thought of the Easter Season Services? People were very complimentary as to how inspiring, well done and well attended the services were.

B. Christian Education

Tom Rogers distributed a report that highlighted the many activities that will be taking place in the next month for the conclusion of the RE year. Much planning and effort are going into the 2 Confirmations and 3 First Holy Communion celebrations.

Tom will be meeting with Ron Brown on May 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the path that the commission will take in the future.

C. Parish Life

No report.

D. Christian Service

Tom Gavin stated that the commission had not met since the last council meeting. They are going to meet next week to determine how to distribute the 10% of the Easter Collection which amounts to \$11,000. The commission needs for input of worthy charities. At this point they have 5 or 6 candidates. Fr. Milota wrote down several suggestions for Tom to take to the group.

E. Administration

Jim Cannon reviewed the summary financials thru March 31, 2009. The School and RE are in line with the budget. The Church is approximately \$218,000 under budget. This is due to Sunday collections being about \$74,000 (4.0%) below budget. Interest revenue is substantially below budget due to the lower interest being paid by the banks. Expenses are running about \$100,000 above budget.

The first readings of the summary budgets for Fiscal 2010 were presented.

Religious Education was able to reduce expenses by over \$100,000. Approximately \$40,000 was saved in salaries and fringe benefits due to reorganization of staff, and about \$60,000 was saved in other expenses such as retreats, office supplies and food.

The school had a goal of keeping tuition increases under 5% due to the difficult economic times and was able to do so with the help of a \$93,000 carryover from this year.

The church budget for 2010 is difficult to balance due to a loss of about \$200,000 in revenue. Sunday Collections are budget for a reduction of \$75,000, loss of rental income from North Central College of \$96,000 and the reduction of interest income of \$30,000. We were able to reduce expenses enough to have a shortfall of approximately \$30,000 for the first read and will continue to explore other possibilities to balance the budget.

**VIII. Closing Prayer**

Kevin Neis distributed "The Litany of Humility" as the closing prayer.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting scheduled is May 18th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Szczech, Recorder