

SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting August 17, 2009

Present: Dennis Adamski, Liz Aderton, Jim Cannon, Paul Gallo, Tom Lupinacci, Jim McCarthy, Kevin Neis, Ruth O'Malley, Jillian Pociask, Tom Rogers, Margie Sznajder, Fr. Milota, Marty Szczech, Jane Bowers

Absent: Tom Gavin

Guests: Pam Adamski, Michael Brummond

I. Opening Prayer

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

II. Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting, were approved with the correction in Open Forum, line one, of Augustine to Augustinian, on a motion by Jim McCarthy, seconded by Jim Cannon. Motion approved.

III. Open Forum

Fr. Milota introduced Michael Brummond. Michael shared information on the New Evangelization.

Jillian Pociask updated the Council on upcoming events/activities of the teens, including a Soup Kitchen on September 13 and a meeting of S.H.U.B.A.M. (Students Helping Unborn Babies and Mothers).

IV. Old Business

A. Introduction and welcome – new Council Members

Liz Aderton welcomed the new members. Everyone then introduced themselves.

B. Neighborhood Meetings Update

We are looking at combining the Ice Cream Social with the neighborhood meeting in mid to late September.

Liz will touch base with the welcoming committee about including information on the neighborhood meetings.

The Council felt these meetings are still a good concept and that we should continue.

C. Revisit Capital Campaign

It is hoped that we can begin a campaign next summer. We will look to have more discussions on this in the spring. We would be looking at \$3.5 million for the junior high school roof and HVAC, new sprinkler system, tuck pointing and replenishment of reserve funds. Hopefully the Sunday collections will be back up by then.

V. **Commission Reports**

A. Christian Education

Tom Rogers said the enrollment for Christian Education has increased; and the school is nearly full. Ron Brown has been able to lower the RE budget. The RE program has about 100 participants, 25 are new; and with 60 volunteers.

B. Worship

Dennis Adamski said they had not met since our last meeting; but their next one is scheduled for October 9 with heavy emphasis on preparation for the Christmas season. There is better contact with the ministries and they are attending the Worship Commission meetings. The commission is supporting the work of Doti and Barb.

C. New Evangelization

Tom Lupinacci said the technology group is moving forward. This is one of the foundations of this Commission, quality is key and are working on internet strategy. They are planning to do web casts/pod casts of live events. They meet again this week.

D. Parish Life

Liz Aderton said they will be meeting to discuss the Sunday donut events. They are looking at possibly having another trivia night in the fall. Please get Liz any suggestions you have for this or other activities. It was suggested that maybe we could combine our event with the school's fun fair.

E. Administration

Jim Cannon reviewed the fiscal 2009 budget details. He noted that Sunday collections are off budget by \$105,000; interest is down due to lower rates and less principal; we are currently receiving \$80/week per North Central College (NCC) student but that will end shortly when their new dorms are completed; the contract with United Methodist Church for Zucker Hall has been signed which replaces about a third of the income we were receiving from NCC. We are currently at 75% of our Diocesan Appeal goal. The budgeted revenue for the coming year has been lowered to \$2,844,000. Priests' salaries increased this year as payments to catch up for Fr. Dong were made; next year this is budgeted at \$433,000. There were a lot of difficult

decisions to come up with a balanced budget for this year. Operating cash reserves are at \$400,000. It is difficult, but we need to plan to build our Capital reserves. It was suggested that we might have a brainstorming session for fund raising ideas.

The School is behind total budget revenue by about \$40,000; and is expected to end the year below budget. However the school will end the year with a positive cash flow \$178,000 due to lower than budgeted expenses.

REO is on budget.

VI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Milota said that the Sunday, August 30, 12:30 p.m. Mass will be Fr. Mahoney's last on staff with our Parish as he retires.

We have a good team for the New Evangelization, and are moving forward. The goal is to bring as many people as possible to the Eucharist.

We have had to make many cuts and hope these do not affect the mission of our Church. We are seeing a record amount of tuition assistance with over \$100,000 so far this year versus about \$85,000 for all of last year.

Fr. Milota thanked the Council for their willingness to serve. He recognized Kevin Neis as he goes into the Diocesan Deaconate program and leaves the Council.

VII. Executive Session

The Council went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bowers, Recorder