

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

## Minutes of Meeting February 18, 2007

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**Present:** Dennis Adamski, Liz Aderton, Jim Cannon, Doug Delaney, Mary Dorn, Jack Flowers, Jim McCarthy, Tom Rogers, Fr. Milota, Marty Szczech, Jane Bowers

**Absent:** John Breen, Amanda Siemann

**Guests:** Pam Adamski

#### I. Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Doug Delaney. Fr. Milota led with the opening prayer of the Stations of the Cross and the Our Father.

#### II. Minutes

The minutes of the January 21, 2008 meeting were approved with the correction that Doug Delaney was not in attendance, on a motion by Dennis Adamski, seconded by Jack Flowers.

**Action:** Marty will see that the approved Council minutes are put on our web site.

#### III. Open Forum

A letter was received from the hosts of our last Neighborhood gathering thanking us for the opportunity. **Action:** We need to make sure a Mass is said for them as we do for all hosts.

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. Neighborhood Meetings Update

The next neighborhood meeting will be in April at the Rectory. **Action:** Marty and Fr. Milota will review dates and schedule this gathering.

**Action:** Fr. Milota will write a piece for the bulletin looking for those interested in hosting future neighborhood gatherings.

## V. **New Business**

### A. New Council Members

We need to review the previous processes and decide on a process for the future. If it is decided to do discernment for the upcoming year, Liz Aderton volunteered to help with it.

**Action: Fr. Milota will appoint someone for the remainder of our unoccupied term.**

### B. Parish Events

It was requested that at each meeting there be a report of all upcoming events happening throughout our Parish. **Action: Marty will bring a calendar list to future meeting.** It was also suggested that we put the two-week glance of upcoming events included in the bulletin on our web site. It was noted that help is need for St. Joseph's Table on March 30.

## VI. **Pastor's Comments**

Fr. Milota said they had the first of five Confirmations for the Parish. There will be two more in April and two in the fall. Two 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreats are scheduled in preparation for Confirmation.

The Trintine Mass was begun two weeks ago at our Parish. Doti Strening has worked very hard on this. We could not have done this without the help from St. John Cantious in Chicago.

Fr. Milota reported that 21 young people, 5 from another parish, accompanied him and Fr. Ryan to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. It was quite an experience with 5,000 attending Mass and about a half million participating in the walk. They prayed the Rosary along with way. Photos have been put on our web site of this event. Fr. Milota is working to start pro-life groups at the high schools. Mary Dorn said she would be happy to assist him.

Lent has begun; it is a penitential and prayerful season. We will continue to have the Veneration at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday; and will also have stations that evening.

## VII. **Commission Reports**

### A. Parish Life

The Parish Life Commission is in need of someone to lead it. The council approved Liz Aderton to take the position. Liz and Doug Delaney will meet to talk and work on the transition.

B. Administration

Jim Cannon said that they have had two meeting with engineers. Projects needing attention include heating, air conditioning, tuck pointing, etc. Bids are being accepted from contractors through March 7.

C. Worship

Dennis Adamski updated the Council on the action item from last month. The volume control for the speakers in the lobby of the Chapel is in a closet which only staff have access to. Barb Bierbauer will have on as needed. **Action: Staff need to return the speaker setting to normal if they need to change it at any time.**

Dennis also noted that a meeting with the ushers is scheduled.

D. Christen Education

Tom Ricks noted that staff have begun working on reviewing the survey for their Commissions. They are also looking to see how technology can assist/impact their various ministries. Joanne Kuttner is working on and checking about various options for revising the Quest program. Tom believes the RE budget will hold for next year.

**VIII. Survey Results**

The survey results were reviewed. Fr. Milota can report items that are completed in his bulletin pieces. Some items noted that were already being done, worked on or could be done in the near future were: list of activities for the week; volunteer activities; usher training; building respect for services; review proper receiving of Communion; having microphones available for those who are hard of hearing; Latin Mass; professional audit of Parish; involvement of the Priests with the school and RE children; staff accountability; appoint a Parish Life Director; be supportive of the parish school and staff; have more on the web site; more speakers.

Doti has interviewed several people for the Sunday day care position; and this is moving along. Hopefully in the future we will look to expanding this program.

**IX. Closing Prayer**

Jim Cannon led a Hail Mary for the NIU students.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 24. **Action: Marty, Doug and Fr. Milota will check calendars and advise.**