

SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting February 16, 2009

Present: Dennis Adamski, Liz Aderton, John Breen, Jim Cannon, Doug Delaney, Tom Gavin, Kevin Neis, Maureen Overman, Tom Rogers, Jillian Pociask, Fr. Milota, Marty Szczech, Jane Bowers

Absent: Jim McCarthy

Guests: Pam Adamski

I. Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Doug Delaney. Fr. Milota led the opening prayer.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting, with the corrections in the Administration Commission on line 3 of “lowed” to “lowered” and on line 5 of “conscience” to “conscious” were approved by consensus.

III. Open Forum

Jillian Pociask reported that the large teen groups are going well. They have their 30 hour food fast coming up. This July they are planning a service trip to New Orleans and are in need of chaperones. Jillian will forward more details on this trip to the Council.

IV. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Meetings Update

We are looking to have our next Neighborhood gathering on Saturday, April 25, at the Rectory. New Parish members will be invited.

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

John Breen reviewed the drafts. The Council felt Option 1 was the best working document for the Mission statement. **Action: Everyone was asked to further review for revisit at our next meeting. Fr. Milota will share this with the other Priests.**

There are still some consistency items that need to be changed in the updated draft of the Constitution and By-Laws. It was felt that the person appointed to represent the Commissions on the Council is also being appointed to be chair of that Commission. It seems this is the way the process is currently working for all the Commissions. If the Commission By-Laws are different than that, they need to be updated. At-Large Council Members are encouraged to attending Commission meetings. It was felt that in conjunction with Council elections, we should include Commission opportunities.

V. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Fr. Milota asked for nominations for Council President. Liz Aderton was elected to this position.

Fr. Milota asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Maureen Overman was elected to this position.

Jane Bowers was appointed as Recording Secretary.

VI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Milota thanked Doug Delaney for his service on the Council. He thanked those newly elected for accepted those positions.

He said the eighth grade confirmation retreats are going well.

Fr. Milota said the economy is affecting us but that we are doing better than many Parishes. Kay Gulas retired and they are in the process of interviewing. Over 300 applications were received for this position, a reflection of these economic times.

Some results from the Diocesan survey indicated that the HOPE Magazine is going well; each Parish can personalize a section on the back page for their members. A Diocesan web site is being launched to include current events; and it is hoped that Parishes are listing their events on their own web sites. Salt & Light (from Canada) will be broadcasting where channels are available. The communication plan is coming along.

VII. Commission Reports

A. Worship

Dennis Adamski said that the Lenten schedules and events will be listed in advance in the bulletin.

He noted that the Adoration Chapel has new lighting and the floor has been reconditioned.

B. Christian Education

Tom Rogers distributed highlights and an overview for the Commission. He said Deacon Ron has done a great job. They are looking to keep the RE tuition the same for next year - \$150.00 per child.

The Fish Fry is coming for Lent. The school auction is March 14.

C. Parish Life

Liz Aderton said the Trivia Night was a great success with 196 paid attendees, raising about \$1,000. They are looking to have another Trivia Night in the fall and will discuss if it will have a project that benefits from it.

D. Christian Service

Tom Gavin said that requests to St. Vincent de Paul are up 26%. They are working to increase food collections. He distributed a list of the approved Christmas donations.

E. Administration

Jim Cannon reviewed the financials. The School and RE are in line. For the Church, Sunday collections are about \$50,000 (3.5%) below budget. Interest revenue is substantially below budget. Priest salaries are in line but until now we were not able to pay Fr. Dong because of his immigration papers. The fixing of the Sacristy roof and the phone system are under Repairs and Physical Plant which is about 6.5% above budget. We are currently about \$126,000 short of budget. We will need to look more closely as we prepare for next year. The last time we had budget issues, several cuts and changes were made and we will probably need to make more in the next 12-18 months. There is a meeting March 25 with North Central College regarding their lease which is about \$76,000. It was felt it was good that we did not move forward with our planned capital fundraising. Budget details will be reviewed in April. Jim and Marty thanked Doug for this service.

VIII. Survey Results

A. “Did you Know” Ideas

Action: If you have any thoughts on this, pass them along to Jessica Payne.

B. Discussion on any long range planning

These should be reviewed yearly.

IX. Closing Prayer

Jim Cannon said a closing reflection called “Wishes of God.”

X. Adjournment

There will be no March Council meeting as our Mission is that evening and all are invited to attend that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next meeting scheduled is April 20.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bowers, Recorder