

SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting January 25, 2010

Present: Dennis Adamski, Jim Cannon, Paul Gallo, Tom Gavin, Tom Lupinacci, Dolly McCarthy, Jim McCarthy, Ruthy O'Malley, Jillian Pociask, Tom Rogers, Margie Sznajder, Fr. Milota, Marty Szczech, Jane Bowers

Absent: Liz Aderton, Rachel Whitman

Guests: Pam Adamski, Barb Bierbauer, John Bierbauer, John Breen, Kathy Durow, Deacon Roger Novak, Doti Strening

I. Opening Prayer

Tom Gavin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Milota led the opening prayer.

II. Open Forum

A. The meaning of Sacred Architecture by Dr. McNamara

Fr. Milota introduced and gave a brief background on Dr. Denis McNamara. Dr. McNamara spoke on the lay theology of sacred architecture which reveals the heavenly nature through human articles.

Fr. Milota said our Chapel is dedicated to the Holy Family. Fr. Milota will be following up with renowned architect James McCrery regarding our project. Dr. McNamara will be making a presentation to the Parish March 1st on sacred architecture.

III. Approval of November Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Lupinacci, seconded by Dennis Adamski.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Discussion of resuming the "cup of precious blood" at Mass was moved up on the agenda.

V. Discussion of resuming the "cup of precious blood" at Mass

Dennis Adamski noted that the Council had previously eliminated the cup with a plan to discuss monthly to resume or not. The Council discussed this and decided it was time to resume the cup.

A motion was made by Dennis Adamski, seconded by Tom Rogers, to resume offering the Eucharist under both species. Motion approved.

Both species will begin being offered the weekend of February 7th.

VI. Commission Reports

A. Teen Update

Jillian Pociask talked about the March for Life event which she had participated in.

B. New Evangelization

Tom Lupinacci said the Life of the World Retreat is Saturday, April 24; and our Parish Mission is March 13-18. He said the welcome event last weekend was very successful with 5 new people becoming parishioners and 1 new RCIA candidate.

C. Worship

Dennis Adamski said their next meeting is February 19. He felt that tonight's presentation has been helpful to help them move forward. The Vocations Traveling Cross has been implemented.

D. Christian Service

Tom Gavin said about \$14,000 from the Christmas collection was available for recommended charities. 11 charities have been suggested and these are being reviewed.

E. Christian Education

Tom Rogers said this commission is now called Religious Education. They met last month and are working on a plan to be prepared for new parishioners and their children with programs set up for the summer.

Confirmation is April 12 & 13; and First Communion is May 1 & 2.

They are looking to have a thank you event for the Catechists in May, maybe a brunch following Mass.

It was suggested that we may consider including those Parishioners outside our Church boundaries that have not previously been invited to a Neighborhood meeting.

E. Parish Life

They have not met. It was noted that the January 30 Trivia event may need to be canceled.

F. Administration

Jim Cannon said Sunday collections are behind budget by approximately \$37,000 as of the end of December; we are closing the gap as we were only off about \$20,000 as of last week. YTD revenue and expense are both below budget; putting us slightly ahead of budget for the year.

The School tuition revenue is below budget; primarily driven by lower enrollment of 618 this year versus 635 last year. \$90,000 in tuition assistance has been raised. Revenue is within \$7,000 of budget. Salaries are below budget; probably a timing issue. Total expenses are below budget. They are doing well.

REO is in line with budget.

VII. New Business

Nothing additional.

VIII. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Meetings

Fr. Milota said about 200 new Parishioners have been invited to the next event.

B. Mass on Rotary Hill

Dolly McCarthy said the Jaycees have approved our Mass on the hill. They have not decided on the cost. Tom Lupinacci will assist on this. Bishop Seigel is scheduled for this. Let Dolly know if you have any ideas. The Jaycees are handling the permits.

IX. Vice President's Report

Tom Gavin had no report.

X. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Milota said that Marty Szczech is retiring. They are in the interview process for a replacement.

XI. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer, Prayer after a Meeting, was read by Tom Gavin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bowers, Recorder