

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

## Minutes of Meeting May 18, 2009

**Present:** Dennis Adamski, Liz Aderton, John Breen, Maureen Overman, Tom Rogers, Jillian Pociask, Fr. Milota, Marty Szczech, Jane Bowers

**Absent:** Jim Cannon, Tom Gavin, Jim McCarthy, Kevin Neis

**Guests:** Doug Delaney, Fr. John Szura

### **I. Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Liz Aderton. Fr. Milota led the opening prayer.

### **II. Minutes**

The minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting, were approved on a motion by Maureen Overman, seconded by John Breen. Motion approved.

### **III. Open Forum**

Doug Delaney introduced Fr. John, of the Augustine Order, who works in the Philippines and Peru. Fr. John thanked everyone for the donation from us. They will try to get us a collection of pictures from his work. He was told we will be making another donation for his work.

Jillian Pociask distributed the permission slips for chaperones for their service trip to New Orleans in July. Jane Bowers will email to the Council Members not at this meeting.

### **IV. Old Business**

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

Our next Neighborhood gathering is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at the Rectory. Another 65 new Parish members will be invited. Marty Szczech will email out call lists to Council Members.

New Council Members will be invited to our June 13 event for a welcome which will also be a farewell for John Breen as he leaves the Council.

We will possibly look at combining the Ice Cream Social with the Neighborhood meeting in August.

B. Elections

We have begun putting information in the bulletin regarding the upcoming elections. There will be a pre-Mass announcement and a second collection the weekend of May 30/31 to collect the ballots. Dennis Adamski will follow up with the ushers regarding this. Liz Aderton will send out the volunteer schedule for distributing the ballots at the Masses. Dennis and Maureen Overman come to the Parish offices on Monday to help count ballots.

C. Constitution

There was discussion regarding the language in the Constitution about what was intended with regard to staff being on the Council. It was felt the language, at least for now, would be left as is. If this becomes an issue it will be re-reviewed. As Council approved the slate, it will not be changed.

John Breen will complete the Constitution as amended at the last meeting and will get a final to all Council Members.

V. **New Business**

If it is not in conflict with a staff person's preference, the Council was asked that they be notified if a staff person has become seriously ill.

VI. **Pastor's Comments**

Fr. Milota said Fr. Mitch Pacwa will be celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Priests here on Saturday.

Saturday, June 21, Bishop Sartain will do the 11:00 a.m. Mass and will bless the convent as it is renamed.

VII. **Commission Reports**

A. Worship

Dennis Adamski asked everyone to remind their Commission Members of the new guidelines regarding announcement and speakers at weekend Liturgies, appeals to the community from the Church Vestibule and Chapel Narthex during weekend Liturgies, and on posting announcements.

He said that their meetings are very fruitful now as they follow the Church seasons.

The traveling cross for vocations and prayer book are being reestablished.

B. Christian Education

Tom Rogers noted the staff changes that are occurring. They will be following the program outline from St. Francis Xavier.

They are looking to establish a group of about seven people, which will be “supportive” and whose appointments will be made through Deacon Brown and Fr. Milota. Any suggestions for members of the group should be sent to Tom.

**C. Administration**

In Jim Cannon’s absence, Marty Szczech reviewed the budget details, noting that the key items were highlighted. Community United Methodist Church will be renting Zucker Hall. Funeral charges are being increased. Insurance costs are down with more staff being part-time. This year is expected to be a \$200,000 deficit by year end.

The School tuition is being kept under four percent. Salaries are driven by the Diocese. We also have the Professional Educators Benefit which takes them to about eighty percent of School District 203. The school is doing good this year.

Ron Brown is working to consolidate the REO accounts. About half the decrease in the budget is in salary and benefits.

**VIII. Survey Results**

This item was discussed and it was suggested that maybe it should be moved up on the agenda or possibility should be the focus of one of our meetings. Copies of the survey results will be available at our August meeting for all Council Members.

**IX. Other**

John Breen asked how a structure is put in place to bridge the divide and create the understanding that the school is an outreach of the Parish, that it is not a private school but a Christian education. Fr. Milota said that it seems it is better than it was ten years ago.

**X. Closing Prayer**

Jillian Pociask read from a Letter to the Thessalonians from St. Paul.

**XI. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Council will be in August. Everyone was wished a good summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Bowers, Recorder