

SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting November 16, 2009

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

Absent: Paul Gallo, Jim McCarthy

Guests: Pam Adamski, Mike Brummond

I. Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Liz Aderton led the opening prayer.

II. Approval of October Minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting were approved with the correction in VI.,D., changing in the last line from the next meeting being December 8 to January 8.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Open Forum

A. Catholics Come Home (CCH)

Mike Brummond shared some of the things the Parish will be doing as part of this upcoming program. The Parish may look at doing "Light of the World" after CCH.

Mike asked everyone to review the information he shared and get Tom Lupinacci or him any feedback or recommendations.

V. Commission Reports

A. New Evangelization

Tom Lupinacci talked about the other projects he and Mike Brummond are working on – marketing plan; internet (we now have a volunteer in place to do this); marketing tools/surveys.

B. Worship

No report.

C. Christian Service

Tom Gavin said they approved the giving policy, tested and ranked organizations, and re-prioritized their donation list. They made donations now and may make additional donations after the first of the year if have funds available, with some organizations possibly receiving funds at both times. The Christmas and Easter collection donations will be based on a declared theme of local physical needs; with suggested organizations being requested from the Parish members for these funds.

D. Christian Education

Tom Rogers said this revamped Commission will meet next Monday with the new members representing a broad spectrum of the Parish. Deacon Brown and Fr. Milota have been working on a Constitution for this Commission to present to them.

E. Parish Life

Liz Aderton said they had a lower turnout for this Trivia Night; but raised about \$800. Another Trivia Night is being planned for January. They are still looking at quarterly donut events which may start in January and be paired with CCH.

F. Administration

Jim Cannon said Sunday collections are behind budget by approximately \$48,000. We have about \$10,000 income, which was not budgeted, from North Central College for the time they had students in the Convent this year. We will be receiving income from the rental of Zuker Hall. Christian Service is a timing issue as the checks have not been written yet. YTD, although negative, is ahead of budget.

The School tuition revenue is about \$33,000 behind budget; but has improved from last month. Tuition assistance is about \$90,000 at this time. There are about 13 less students than last year; but the Kindergarten is full.

REO is about on budget. The \$10,000 in the Religious Books line will be checked to make sure it is in the correct line.

VI. New Business

A. Teen Update

Jillian Pociask said Harvest Sunday went very well. They will be working at a Soup Kitchen in December. Jillian will follow up to see if anyone is interested in doing pro-life Christmas cards.

B. Philippine Project

A booklet was passed around showing the work done in the Philippines that the Church had supported.

VII. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Meetings

Fr. Milota will check on a possible Tuesday or Thursday dates for our next event. Maybe this could be done in connection with the CCH.

B. Mass on Rotary Hill

Dolly McCarthy said she is still waiting to hear back on this. Bishop Seigel is lined up if we are able to move forward with this.

VIII. President's Report

Liz Aderton asked everyone to make an effort to attend the Light the Way program in December.

IX. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Milota said that they are working on the HVAC in the Ministry Center with the parts to be in on Thursday.

He noted that Advent and Christmas are on the horizon. There will be brass at the Midnight Mass on Christmas.

X. Executive Session

The Council went into Executive Session.

XI. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was read by Jim Cannon on sacrifice to make Holy from Matthew 16:25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. There will be no meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bowers, Recorder