

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

## Minutes of Meeting October 19, 2009

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

Absent: Liz Aderton, Tom Gavin, Jim McCarthy

### I. Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Fr. Milota led the opening prayer.

### II. Minutes

The minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Lupinacci, seconded by Jim Cannon.

### III. Open Forum

#### A. Teen Report

Jillian Pociask said the high school group had visited a Byzantine Church; Harvest Sunday is coming and drivers are needed if anyone is interested they should call Mike Brummond; March for Life is January 20-24, 2010; this Sunday there is a big pro-life meeting.

#### B. H1N1

Fr. Milota noted that the Eucharistic Ministers are cleaning their hands before and after Communion. He said some of the other local Churches have also decided to discontinue the Cup as part of Communion. Whether our Church would temporary discontinue the Cup was discussed. The Council, with one exception, supports the temporary discontinuation of the Cup. A statement will be issued regarding this.

#### C. Ss. Peter & Paul Running Club

Rachel Whitman asked about the process of there being a running club at Ss. Peter & Paul, and was directed to Liz Aderton and the Parish Life Commission.

#### D. Last Fling Mass

Dolly McCarthy talked about the possibility of Ss. Peter & Paul Church having Mass on Rotary Hill during the 2010 Last Fling. We would be able to have a collection. She was not sure if we would need to make a donation to Rotary like the church last year, but if we do we would be able to designate where those funds are donated.

### IV. New Business

Nothing additional.

**V. Old Business**

A. Neighborhood Meetings

Fr. Milota will check on a possible date for our next event.

B. Constitution - finalized

The Constitution as finalized by John Breen and Jim McCarthy has been distributed. Jane Bowers will update the term end dates to coincide with the roster.

**VI. Commission Reports**

A. Christian Education

Tom Rogers said he and Deacon Brown have submitted names to Fr. Milota for his consideration and appointment to rebuild this Commission.

B. Christian Service

Fr. Milota said that they are re-articulating the giving guidelines which have been finalized and will be published. There are serious needs in our community.

C. Administration

Jim Cannon said Sunday collections continue to be down. The collections have not yet taken place against the \$19,000 budgeted for second collections. Salary and fringe expenses are slightly down. The Professional items and services, although high now, should equal out by year end. We will have lower Liturgy costs this year. We will have a better picture of where we are at the six-month point after Christmas. We will have about \$10,000 income, which was not budgeted, from North Central College for the time they had students in the Convent this year.

The School is behind budget and behind last year. There is a sizable amount of dollars being requested for assistance (\$95,000 so far). We are blessed that the golf outing which raises funds for assistance, did better than anticipated. Most of the school issues are timing.

REO is slightly ahead of budget. Total salaries are down from last year but slightly above budget.

Marty Szczech noted that we are at 86.8% of our Diocesan Appeal goal, with the Diocesan average at 82%

**D. Worship**

Dennis Adamski said they talked at length on the distribution of Communion at their last meeting. He noted that Advent begins November 27 and that there will not be any Lessons in Carols this year. The all Parish Reconciliation will be December 15.

A restart of the traveling vocations cross is being worked on, with announcements in upcoming bulletins for program leaders.

They will be working with Fr. Martis, Dennis McNamara and Fr. Milota on a plan for the Chapel. Consideration will be given to including this project in the capital campaign which has been delayed until the economy improves. When prepared, the plan will be presented to the Council.

Plans are in the works to replace the destroyed statue from the cemetery. It was suggested that when we place it back in the cemetery, we get that information out to the press.

The next meeting of the Worship Commission is December 8, 7:00 p.m.

**E. New Evangelization**

Tom Lupinacci said there is a lot going on. Lolek is this Friday; Gifts of Finest Wheat is going well; there will be a book sale after Masses November 21 & 22. The Commission met last week coming up with 17 ideas which will be broken down and assigned at their next meeting on November 7. The technology project is moving forward.

**VII. Pastor's Comments**

Fr. Milota noted the Joliet, Chicago and Rockford Diocese will all be participating in the "Catholics Come Home" program that will begin in Advent and will include advertizing which was shown to the Council. Mike Brummond will report more on this at our next meeting. After the new year we will begin more Parish based programs.

**VIII. Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was lead by Fr. Milota. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Bowers, Recorder