

SS. Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting November 21, 2011

Present: Mary Beth Brummond, Jerry Buch, Tom Gavin, Kristine Gorecki, Brendon Heffron, Steve Keeley, Tom Lupinacci, Dolly McCarthy, Margie Sznajder, Ashley Wesolowski, Bob Wold, Fr. Milota, Tom Boler, Jane Bowers

Absent: Paul Gallo

I. Opening Prayer

Tom Gavin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and Fr. Milota led the opening prayer.

II. Approval of September Minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting were approved with the following correction: date of meeting changed from September 19 to October 17, on a motion by Kristine Gorecki, seconded by Bob Wold.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with one change – Sunday Offerings Update was moved up on the agenda.

IV. Open Forum

Fr. Milota shared with us the new Missal, which he passed around for all to look at.

V. Sunday and Other Offerings Update

Tom Boler distributed and reviewed information on additional communications with vendors and various Parishes. Other Parishes did not see the need for customer support as this has not been overwhelming after their start ups. The updated fee structure reflected a higher fee for credit card processing from Parish Pay and noted that the current vendor does handle Discover. Q-Pay has more robust reporting services.

After discussion and review, the Council recommended Q-Pay as the vendor of choice and that we should move forward. Tom B. also noted that the Administrative Commission also recommended the Q-Pay as our vendor of choice. Tom B. said that he anticipated that we would have this on-line by March 2012. The Council suggested that if possible it would be good to have all donation options available when we begin in March, along with the weekly donations. Tom B. said that at this time, with the anticipated work load only the weekly donation would be possible, but if that turns out not to be the case and the set up is not as much work as anticipated, the additional donations options would be added.

VI. Commission Reports

A. Teen Update

Ashley Wesolowski recapped Harvest Sunday; said they would be serving food at a food kitchen December 4; will have their winter retreat January 7 and will be going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life in late January.

B. New Evangelization

Tom Lupinacci distributed an update on their work. He said 7 new RCIA participants were welcomed into the Church on November 20. The Commission set their 3 year goals and mission statement. Fisherman's net has had its soft launch on our web page; with a formal launch planned for January or February.

C. Worship

Brendon Heffron said the Commission met last month. He said we will get new missals quarterly, instead of yearly, which will have more prayers and hopefully a better path for following the new changes. Our paperwork is in for Corpus Christi. Over 20 attended the Server appreciation event. 22 of our servers are graduating from 8th grade and they will work to keep them involved; and there are 8 new servers.

D. Christian Service

Tom Gavin said their Commission met last week. They accomplished their work to fund all agencies/organizations on their list. Their next step will be to decide what to give to for the Christmas and Easter collections; this will be discussed at their January meeting.

E. Religious Education

Bob Wold said nothing much had changed since our last Council meeting.

F. Parish Life

No report.

G. Administration

Jerry Buch said that most of their meeting was spent reviewing and discussing the ACH options for Sunday and other collections. He noted that Sunday collections have increased. Pass It On is doing well and does not appear to have affected weekly collections. Expenses are down for RE.

VII. Capital Campaign

Fr. Milota said that we currently have \$2,788,000 in pledges. Emails and phone calls are being sent/made to those who have not yet pledged.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Review of Constitution

Tom Lupinacci will distribute an updated document for approval in January; part of which will be changing this document from a "Constitution" to a "By-Laws".

B. Neighborhood Meetings

The next Neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, and will be held at Tom Gavin's home.

IX. New Business

None

X. President's Report

None

XI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Milota said we will begin using the new Roman Missal this next weekend. We have been practicing the singing portions and will be adding all the text changes. It should look, feel and be different; away from the hustle and bustle of the world where we need to then take this peace. The changes should require all of us to be mentally focused on the Mass.

XII. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was distributed by Kristine Gorecki and said by all.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Our next meeting is January 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bowers, Recorder