

**ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 28, 2017**

Present: Carole Anhalt, Patrick Gagnon, Ellen Gelhar, Denise Gesch, Jim LaFond, Jerry Levanetz, Fr. Tom, Collette Tegen

Not Present: Steve Becker, Ann Dier, Tim Schroeder

Call to Order: Collette Tegen opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Carole Anhalt, seconded by Ellen Gelhar.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Jim LaFond, seconded by Pat Gagnon.

Committee Reports

Worship/Ministry: A drawing of the new crucifix is nearing completion. Ministry morning was held Saturday, September 23. There is still a need for ushers at the 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. masses on Sundays. A Tuesday evening mass for those who cannot attend the daily morning mass was begun on September 12. Lectio Divina, led by Fr. Tom, follows the mass for those who wish to participate. Beginning with the New Year, Holy Hour, the Bereavement Mass, and Stations of the Cross will all have a consistent start time of 1 p.m. The polka mass is scheduled for February 10, 2018 to celebrate Mardi Gras.

School Board of Education: Pastors and administrators recently met to discuss the study on diocesan schools. Fr. Tom and Fr. Doug of St. Francis of Assisi will meet soon with the Diocese to discuss the local school system. St. Francis of Assisi school was one school noted in the study as needing a closer look. There is local discussion and study of two options for county schools. The first is a regional school supported by all parishes; the second is keeping the St. Francis School system as is and having outlying parishes support it with resources, involvement and money. More information may be available next month following the meeting with the Diocese.

Stewardship: The Stewardship Fair will be November 11 and 12 in the Gathering Space. Service organizations should contact Lisa if they want a booth. St. Vincent de Paul, Hope House, The Haven, etc. will be invited to participate. There was a speaker from Hope House at the masses this past Sunday, and other groups will follow to highlight outreach opportunities for parishioners in the community.

Vocations: There are ongoing meetings and discussions between the parish and Knights of Columbus about vocations.

Evangelization: The committee has stalled and is in need of some direction or should be revamped all together.

Building and Grounds: Tuck pointing is finished on the convent building. Carol Ralph is organizing the cutting back of plants in October. Smith work is being done on the front doors. The Holy Redeemer statue was cleaned last week and will be sprayed with a preservative to keep it looking nice.

Catholic Men's Organization: Deacon Paul presented the program for the last meeting. There were over 70 people at the summer picnic at Neshotah Park.

Catholic Women's Organization: The Holiday Fiesta is currently being planned.

Personnel: Kelly Scheuer will work as Family Ministry Coordinator at the 10 a.m. Sunday mass. She will work with Sheila to help build relationships with younger families. This is a limited stipend position.

Finance: The parish is paying its bills even with collections down during the summer. The annual report shows the parish in the black. The annual meeting will be November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Process Foster Fellowship: No report.

Mission: October 2 at Roncalli/St. Francis of Assisi, October 3 at St. Thomas the Apostle, and October 4 at St. Peter the Fisherman.

Weekend Experience: As previously mentioned, a Family Ministry program has begun on Sunday mornings.

Outreach and Service: No report.

New Business Elections of Officers: Collette Tegen, President; Jerry Levanetz, Vice President; and Denise Gesch, Secretary. Motion to approve by Pat Gagnon, seconded by Jim LaFond, and the motion was approved. The Pastoral Council is hosting Sunday Supper on May 6, 2018. A chairperson is needed for this event.

Pastor's Report There was a recent meeting on Pastoral Care which Sheila Bialek currently handles in addition to bereavement and being weekend coordinator. To help Sheila out, Fran Schweigert will coordinate communion visits in addition to handling Scrip. The parish wants to do outreach not only to nonmembers but also to our own members. Parish notification of elderly, disabled, or homebound parishioners needing pastoral care is currently only through word of mouth and many "fall through the cracks." Even some in nursing homes and hospitals are missed during visits. Fran will work on trying to organize pastoral care and communion visits better. Other ideas for care are having parishioner volunteers call the homebound every day to socialize, starting a divorced/remarried support group, and having a care ministry training program for new and old ministers.

Community Climate The Knights of Columbus helped out with a booth at Kites on the Lakeshore, Ethnic Fest, and the Prevent Suicide Run/Walk.

The next meeting will be October 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Gagnon, and seconded by Jim LaFond. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Gesch, Secretary