

**ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 22, 2016**

Present: Carole Anhalt, Steve Becker, Ann Dier, Patrick Gagnon, Denise Gesch, Don Karman, Jim LaFond, Jerry Levanetz, Fr. Maurice

Not Present: Fr. Tom, Julie Schroeder, Tim Schroeder, Collette Tegen

Call to Order: Pat Gagnon opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30 p.m. We welcomed Jerry Levanetz to the council, replacing Shirley Andrews.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Carole Anhalt, seconded by Steve Becker.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Jim LaFond, seconded by Jerry Levanetz.

Old Business: The pastoral congress is Saturday, September 24, and anyone interested can still attend.

Committee Reports

Worship/Ministry: More Eucharistic Ministers are needed, especially for the 4 p.m. mass. There are several that will be trained for the 10 a.m. mass. Server training will start in October. Jon and Cheryl are working on streamlining the funeral process. *There is still a concern by some members of this Council that eulogies should be limited to not more than 10 minutes primarily as a courtesy to those providing the funeral dinners.* October is the Month of the Rosary and there will be a living rosary in the rosary garden on October 9 at 1 p.m. A blessing of animals in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is October 1 at 11 a.m. at the bell tower. A Remembrance Service will be held on November 14. It will be opened this year to families wanting to honor deceased relatives who were not parishioners. Candles will be provided for them to carry up.

School Board: The parish representative was invited to report at this meeting but did not come.

Stewardship: No report.

Vocations: No report.

Evangelization: The Scavenger Hunt is October 1. The committee is talking about ways to evangelize at these events. They are also looking into creating an evangelization guide of some sort and actually modeling faith sharing for people through the use of role playing, possibly to be called Conversations of Faith.

Living Justice/Social Concerns: No report.

Building and Grounds: Still working on the lights in church. The current lights and cans are obsolete so we are looking into replacement cans to be used with LED lighting. There is a contract pending for painting of the trim on the church. Logistics in conjunction with Schaus are working to fix the church humidity problem. A quote will be received soon for a new humidity sensor and regulating program.

Catholic Men's Organization: There will be a polka mass on October 22 at 4 p.m. A dinner and dance will follow. There is another polka mass scheduled for February to coincide with the spaghetti dinner.

Catholic Women's Organization: Will provide desserts for the polka dinner. The Holiday Fiesta is in the planning process. The quilting group will sell some of their creations on October 22.

Personnel: Fr. Tom is back in the U.S. from Spain. He is now in Louisiana on his silent retreat.

Finance: We still are not getting to our weekly target of \$18,000 in collections. The endowment fund is providing tuition assistance for about 30-35 parish students and contributing to the parish cost of supporting St. Francis of Assisi school. An inherited CD was used to purchase a new tractor for lawn mowing and snow blowing. The capital account used for parish upkeep has been replenished. Don has made his 4th presentation on the school building and has received a new proxy from the Bishop for the sale of the school. The city has been cooperative in working with us and rezoning of the property is currently being worked on.

New Business The council received an update on the planning process. Timelines and completions will be the responsibility of the council. The three areas of work are Foster Fellowship, Weekend Experience, and Outreach/Service. This is a work in progress which we hope to start in some areas by Advent.

Pastor's Report The Leadership Team met to review activities since Fr. Tom left. It was felt that the parish is meeting/exceeding expectations at this time.

Community Climate The public school district has a referendum for money for upkeep and repairs at all schools but primarily Magee Elementary and L.B. Clarke Middle School.

Don Karman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carole Anhalt. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Gesch, Secretary