

**ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 26, 2017**

**Present:** Carole Anhalt,, Steve Becker, Ann Dier, Patrick Gagnon, Denise Gesch, Don Karman, Jim LaFond, Jerry Levanetz, Fr. Tom, Julie Schroeder, Tim Schroeder, Collette Tegen

**Call to Order:** Collette Tegen called the meeting to order with a prayer.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve by Ann Dier, seconded by Julie Schroeder.

**Old Business:** None.

**Committee Reports**

Worship/Ministry: More AV ministers and ushers are needed. The first Never Alone mass will be February 19 at 1:30 p.m. This could become a monthly event. The Worship Committee charter was reviewed. It was felt that Adoration should be “beefed up” with the addition of more people to ensure constant coverage. Adoration and Holy Hour should be better promoted with education on each coming from the pulpit possibly leading into Lent. The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is February 22 and will be observed the weekend of February 25/26 since the polka mass is the weekend before. Lent observances are Ash Wednesday on March 1 with masses at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Anointing Services on Sunday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 21, both at 1:30 p.m. The parish reconciliation service is March 15 at 6:30 p.m. with reconciliation also available on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Vespers are Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Stations of the Cross will be Sundays at 1 p.m. The microphones in church have been upgraded and the purchase of a large crucifix for church is being studied.

School Board of Education: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Vocations: No report.

Evangelization: No report.

Building and Grounds: Lights are being replaced in the Gathering Space. The light replacement has come in under budget plus there is a rebate from Focus on Energy. There has been a longer lifespan with the new bulbs. A heating modification is coming in the near future to take care of the humidity issue in summer and the uneven heating during winter. There will be higher utility costs but it must be done.

Catholic Men’s Organization: Planning the spaghetti dinner and polka mass on February 18. Donations of food items are being solicited for the dinner to help defray costs. Sheila has been a great help coordinating this event.

Catholic Women’s Organization: Planning for the rummage sale in April and the chili dinner on March 5.

Personnel: Gail Eichhorn left as of January 1 to take a new job in Green Bay. Roxanne Dyzak was hired as her replacement for the grade school religious education program. The parish nurse position has been eliminated due to finances and reorganization. It is hoped that her services might be covered by volunteers.

Finance: Half of the church year is gone and a small withdrawal was made from reserves to help balance the budget. The weekly budget may be lowered to \$15-17,000 to better meet collections. We need to watch expenditures, but the parish is in good shape.

**Planning Process** Foster Fellowship: An October mission is being planned with St. Thomas and St. Francis of Assisi. We will be a regional site for the New Evangelization Summit in May. This originates out of Ottawa, Canada, with live streaming of world-renowned speakers.

Weekend Experience: Greeters and ushers have been more visible. There are new servers including some parent/child teams. Jon LaRoche is looking into a more prominent cross, a concern raised during the planning process, and having it paid for with donations.

Outreach and Service: With the change in his duties, Fr. Tom has been doing more pastoral care and visiting. This committee met recently and are planning an Outreach weekend on March 12. A flyer will be distributed that will ask parishioners what they already do in the community and also sharing ways to volunteer here at St. Peter. Other areas discussed were more use of social media and newspapers, a lapel pin to be worn by volunteers when working out in the community, and reviving the C.I.A. program. Possible uses for the convent building were also suggested. These include use as a retreat house; homeless shelter adjunct; housing a refugee family; using it for a program to aid veterans; a foster/group home; working with C.A.P.; short term housing for a family in need; parish programs; prison after care; opiate rehab after care; the parish LIFE teen program; and AA or Al-Anon meetings. Special permitting would be needed for use as any type of shelter or residential care, and the building is not to code so fixing that could be cost prohibitive. A meeting with Lakeshore C.A.P. is set to discuss their needs.

**New Business** The recent parish break-in after a Sunday Supper was discussed. Fr. Tom met with Pastor Kim Henning to discuss the future of this event. They are working with Roxanne Dyzak and Judy Goodchild about the possibility of holding the supper at the Community House once a month from February through May. Having people in place to handle security was discussed. The parish is looking into the possibility of installing an alarm system in the building.

**Pastor's Report** Fr. Tom is feeling energized, and Lisa and Paul are becoming accustomed to their new roles. The sale of the school building process began in November 15 and several options fell through during this process. The city controls the easement on the playground and the majority of the parking nearby. The city, especially Greg Buckley, have helped with a T.I.F. district, with zoning, and with the easement. As a result, Vinton Construction plans to purchase the building with closing taking place Monday, January 30. We would like to acknowledge and thank Don Karman for all of his work on our real estate sales since 2005, especially his efforts to sell the school building. With the sale of the school, there is also sadness at the end of the era of Catholic schools in Two Rivers. After the current Diocesan study on schools is finished, schooling will most likely change in this area with a regional school plus a greater assessment for our parish.

**Community Climate** There have been many positives recently in Two Rivers. New restaurants are bringing more people to the city. Real estate sales are picking up. The new Kwik Trip has opened and they hired 18 new employees. M & M Restaurant was purchased by the owner of Two Rivers Family Restaurant.

The February meeting was cancelled due to many council members being unable to attend.  
The March meeting was moved from March 23 to March 30.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Denise Gesch*, Secretary