

**ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
January 25, 2018**

Present: Carole Anhalt, Steve Becker, Ann Dier, Patrick Gagnon, Ellen Gelhar, Denise Gesch, Jim LaFond, Jerry Levanetz, Tim Schroeder, Collette Tegen

Not Present: Fr. Tom

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

Agenda: Motion to approve by Patrick Gagnon, seconded by Carole Anhalt.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Jim LaFond, seconded by Ann Dier.

Committee Reports

Worship/Ministry: There is still a shortage of ushers at some masses and new procedures are being developed to cover this. Mass attendance on Christmas was 812 at 4 p.m., 709 at 6 p.m., 230 at 10 p.m., 199 at 8 a.m. and 405 at 10 a.m. The possibility of having only a 9 a.m. mass on Christmas morning will be studied. Ash Wednesday, February 14, will have masses at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with ashes also being distributed from noon until 1 p.m. for those unable to attend the masses. The Anointing Services will be Sunday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 6. The parish reconciliation service is Wednesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m.

School Board of Education: The Diocesan strategic plan for education was announced January 25. St. Gregory School in St. Nazianz may close if the student population doesn't increase. The possibility of a county-wide Catholic school system is being studied.

Stewardship: There will be a Welcome Home dinner for new parishioners on February 26. Invitations were sent to 30 new families. The plan is to hold this event every 2 years.

Vocations: No report.

Evangelization: No report.

Building and Grounds: Replacement of the heating and air conditioning in the Marian Hall section of the building is being considered. There is a problem with the sidewalk settling at the doors between the link and the Gathering Space. The pothole in the north parking lot entrance still has not been fixed. It was suggested that wall-mount hand sanitizers be installed in the Gathering Space.

Catholic Men's Organization: The men's group will provide a pork steak dinner for \$7/person after the 4 p.m. polka mass on February 10. Proceeds will benefit Religious Education and the Be Not Afraid youth group.

Catholic Women's Organization: Meetings resume in February with a Mardi gras potluck dinner. The Chili Supper will be held on a Saturday night this year. The date is March 10 from 4 – 6 p.m. Left-over chili will be sold after the Sunday morning masses.

Personnel: No report.

Finance: There was a big jump in donations at the end of the year. We are currently plus \$35,000 in income and expenses.

Planning Process

It is expected that Tom Tomaszewski will be assigned to our parish and Mark LeGreve will be assigned to Manitowoc by the end of the month due to circumstances of location. Deacon Tom lives in Two Rivers and works at our parish and Deacon Mark lives in Manitowoc so the move makes sense for all concerned.

Love Begins Here-Local Life Changing Mission Trips is a new program in the Diocese. About 70 students from around the Green Bay Diocese will be here June 17-25 to paint, fix, mend, build, etc. for our parishioners, parish, and local community. Applications will be shared with parishioners to line up projects and the team will make contact with people requesting help.

Beginning in Lent, parish staff will share in the 11-week ALPHA program which Bishop Ricken would like all diocesan parishes to participate in as part of the New Evangelization effort. The program will be offered to parishioners next year.

A new program to strengthen community called Supper Club is starting. Small groups of parishioners share 4 meals over the course of 4 months. Couples/singles/families are invited to sign up and they will be arranged into groups after February 11. Contact information will be shared among the small group members. A host shares the main course and the other 3 guests provide appetizers, salad and dessert.

The Never Alone Widows/Widowers group continues their monthly socials. The next event, Cooking Fun, is February 21 and will focus on cooking small meals for a single person.

Fran Schweigert is coordinating Pastoral Care lists and rotation assignments for visits to 30-40 homebound and nursing home parishioners. The list is divided into three groups with Fr. Tom, Fr. Maurice and Bernie Huettl visiting these parishioners on a monthly rotating basis so that a priest will call on them 2 of the 3 months.

New Business It was suggested that the parish consider a program of donating gift cards in the name of a loved one to help the homeless. Jerry Levanetz will discuss this with Mark LeGreve and get more information to present for further consideration.

Ellen Gelhar volunteered to organize the Pastoral Council Sunday Supper on May 6. All Council members will help prepare and serve the meal.

Community Climate The 2018 city budget has been adopted. There are three people running for three open City Council seats. The County Board has 4 districts in Two Rivers and only 3 candidates are running for open seats. Another will consider running as a write-in candidate. Circuit Court Judge has 5 candidates and the Wisconsin Supreme Court has 3 candidates. These positions will be voted on in the February 20 election. Riverside Foods is expanding again. The city has sold the company several small lots in the area which will be used for employee parking. The owner of the Paragon building is attempting to sell. He is currently a few years behind in taxes and owes the city and county money.

The next meeting will be February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ellen Gelhar, seconded by Jerry Levanetz. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Gesch, Secretary