

**ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
March 30, 2017**

Present: Carole Anhalt, Steve Becker, Patrick Gagnon, Denise Gesch, Don Karman, Jim LaFond, Jerry Levanetz, Julie Schroeder, Tim Schroeder, Collette Tegen GUEST: Deacon Paul Gleichner

Not Present: Ann Dier, Fr. Tom

Call to Order: Collette Tegen called the meeting to order with a prayer at 6:30 p.m. The Council was also asked to remember Ann Dier in their prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Julie Schroeder, seconded by Pat Gagnon.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Tim Schroeder, seconded by Jim LaFond.

Old Business: Due to the changes made in the Sunday Supper schedule, the Pastoral Council commitment for this year has been cancelled. Sunday Supper as a weekly commitment is currently being evaluated as are the location and security measures needed.

Committee Reports Worship/Ministry: Jon LaRoche is looking into styles for a large crucifix for church behind the altar and will put together a presentation for the Worship Committee. The temporary stained glass panels for the Year of Mercy have been removed. Permanent stained glass for these panels should be looked into. A portable speaker system is needed in the parish for use on Holy Saturday, funerals, and in Javaluaia. *There was discussion among Council members on the need for a large crucifix and whether it should have a corpus on it or not. Comments from parishioners overwhelmingly support the addition of a crucifix. It was suggested to research the reason why there was never a large crucifix in the plans when the church was built before a decision is made.*

School Board of Education: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Vocations: Deacon Paul reported that he receives reports from the Knights of Columbus vocations committee. This committee has been meeting for 3 years and has produced a DVD. Deacon Paul has suggested to them that a Project Andrew dinner be planned with invitations sent to young men from our parish. The Knights are considering holding a Vocations Fair in conjunction with St. Francis School and Roncalli.

Evangelization: The parish is hosting the New Evangelization Summit on May 12/13 which will be live-streamed from Toronto. Guest speakers include Bishop Robert Barron. The event organizers and Diocese will help publicize the event.

Building and Grounds: We are completing the installation of LED lights in the Gathering Space and the spotlights in church. Lisa is getting estimates for inside security doors and other security improvements. Our building is too easily accessible to the upstairs and too open to other areas.

Catholic Men's Organization: The second polka mass was held in February. Students from Faith Formation and Be Not Afraid helped serve the dinner. Proceeds were about \$1200 with \$500 donated to Faith Formation and \$700 donated to the Be Not Afraid group.

Catholic Women's Organization: The annual rummage sale will be held in April.

Personnel: Rocky is scheduled to return from maternity leave on May 1. Jon LaRoche's wife is expecting any day and he will be in and out of work after the baby is born.

Finance: The budget was presented to the Finance Council on Tuesday night and was approved. The budget is about \$1 million. Weekly giving has been dropping for the last few years. The budget is based on weekly receipts of \$17,000. The Diocesan school funding committee has

finished information gathering and is meeting to determine the direction the Diocese should take to support schools. This decision could end up costing each parish more money yearly if an assessment is given to help with support.

Planning Process Foster Fellowship: An area wide mission will be held October 2-4. A New Evangelization Summit will be held here on May 12/13.

Outreach and Service: A survey was given to parishioners. Thirty responses were received and the committee is organizing those.

Weekend Experience: Parish staff attended the Amazing Parish summit in Atlanta in March. Information was given to better organize parish planning and help parishes run more efficiently. Parishes need to set goals and use the weekends as the prime time to connect with parishioners. The majority of those in our pews each week are age 55+. There are 35-50 year olds on our rolls but not in the pews. Priorities set for 2017/18 are as follows:

- Engage all of the family in Faith Formation
- Use technology to supplement formation online
- Use the Alpha program available through the Diocese to support small group faith sharing/learning
- Continue to work on musical avenues to enhance the liturgy on the weekends
- A "homily group" has been formed to help make sure that there is a unifying message each Sunday through everything within the parish: bulletin, website, Facebook, the sign in front of the parish, environment, etc.
- Build our community through hospitality on the weekend, pastoral care, small groups, bus trips, etc.

NEW Vision Statement: Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.

NEW Mission Statement: We are a Eucharistic community of faith who is caring, generous and committed to our Catholic tradition and we strive to increase our faith in God through Jesus Christ and strengthen our Catholic faith through the Liturgical experience, faith formation, and opportunities to build community.

New Business The terms of Carole Anhalt, Patrick Gagnon, and Julie Schroeder are expiring this year. Carole and Pat have agreed to serve another 3-year term. Don Karman's term as Parish Trustee-Treasurer is expiring. He has served longer than Diocesan bylaws allow. It was suggested that Don be appointed to the Finance Council so that the parish may continue to take advantage of his knowledge and experience. Nominations for Trustee-Treasurer and one Pastoral Council representative will be solicited the weekend of April 22/23. Voting for the Trustee-Treasurer will be held the weekend of May 6/7. The Council representative will be randomly selected from the nominations received.

Pastor's Report No report.

Community Climate The Elks Club in Two Rivers is disbanding. They have offered their fundraising activities to the Knights of Columbus.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Gagnon, and seconded by Jerry Levanetz.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Gesch, Secretary