

Sts Peter & Paul Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2011

Present: Dawn Ligibel, Libby Downs, Rocky Spader, Tom Buehrle, Sarah Kranz, Joe Schippers, Shannon Trogden, Fr. Uwem, Fr. John Thomas, Pat Covington, Bart Cayce, Carl Schmidt, Fr. Carmelo

Absent: Chris Thomas, Diana Burch

Call to order: 6:00 PM, Joe Schippers led the prayer; Next Month Prayer Rocky Spader/ This weeks' scripture reading by Sarah Kranz scripture an exhortation to follow the Holy Spirit - Dawn Ligibel volunteers to bring the scripture reading for next month - /Formation this week taken from "Today's Parish - Hone your hospitality skills" - Dawn exhorts the council to open up and reach out even if it takes you out of your comfort zone. Fr. Ewem volunteers to bring the formation for next month. Dawn welcomes Tom Buehrle to the meeting as a part time volunteer as Stewardship Director. Goal to get more people involved in the ministries of the church. He will begin with review of the current volunteers and data already received and start with organization. Also monthly inserts will be in the bulletin which are available thru the diocese now regarding stewardship. Tom will be a part of the council as the Director of Stewardship. Fr. John then mentioned the organist which he had invited for interview; skill level is superior, ability to move from floor keyboards to organ. States as a Catholic he understands liturgy and understands that the role of the church is active participation. Explained his role as teacher appeared fluid and with immediate response from the school. He sees a vision of building the music program to include all ages and a summer camp. He is very interested. Fr. John asks the council to pray as an offer has been extended and is very promising. Minutes from February meeting were approved and will be sent to Jim Creighton for the website.

Review of Action Items: Church Offering Envelopes: 428 families use the envelopes at least once a month. Numbers 1-700 have been assigned. Also an average of 30 families use a check at least once a month but don't use the envelopes regularly. Tom also reviewed \$1378 was collected in the first offering envelope this year which goes totally to the cost of providing envelopes. Across the diocese most parishes do the once a month mailing of envelopes. Fr. John asks if we seek those 30 families who never use envelopes to see if they want to be removed. Anyone interested in being removed will email Tom as twbuehrle@newwavecomm.net. Tom states he and Judy will devise a letter and send to these families. **FACEBOOK:** Sue sent out an email encouraging people to become a fan of our Facebook page. This will be done again in a couple of weeks. It has been very noticeable that the two who are updating the page have been doing an excellent job. **WELCOME COMMITTEE:** Move to approve the basic plan which was submitted via email to the council. Fr. Ewem has a few parishioners who want to be a part of the committee and will share those with Tom. There is quite a bit of interest in those emailed to move forward with this. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE ELECTION PROCESS:** Pat asks about the proposed training of those who are interested in becoming a part of the council. Patty Blaire has provided power points and training materials for Dawn to present at the training session. Bart expresses a concern that there will be no voting throughout the proposed process. Rocky states perhaps this is the direction the parish should go and no longer have a popularity contest when it comes to council

members. Review of proposed changes and some discussion ensued. Identifying the nominees - proposed to publish those nominated in the bulletin and the council members notifying by phone; also suggested to have the drawing done during a weekend Mass. Then those who attend the workshop training if they agree to be a member of the council at the end, those names will go into a hat (one for men and one for women) to be drawn out at Mass. Motion made to accept the proposed changes and seconded - vote made majority vote carried with one opposed. SCHOOL INSERT FOR BULLETIN: Sarah brought the insert ready for this month which is almost ready for publishing. Also brought the newspaper ads and pamphlets. Question - "If you are not sending your child to SSPP why not?" Sarah has asked Fr. John to speak from the pulpit to "invite" those currently not attending and she will develop a text to read from. Sarah expresses concern over current parents who are possibly removing their children due to sports and other various reasons. She calls it a faith crisis and is concerned. Pat asks if the Endowment fund was set up to assist children with tuition. The investment did gain up to \$100,000 but then the market fell and the fund lost mercilessly. Fr. John has made a decision to hold the Endowment until it gained. In the Bylaws we will draw on the fund in June if it holds and the draw will be 5% of the interest earned. ACT Score: Sarah did contact all the schools and the average score of our students graduating this year is 24, the public schools average is 18.1 and KY overall was 19.4. This information will be included in the bulletin insert.

Liaison updates: **Worship Committee** is preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Kudos to the Worship committee for the Cross in the Pocket and Silly Band idea. Also the added kneeling prior to Mass. **School Update:** 128 kids eating lunch today. Sarah is in the process of getting old pictures of graduates up in the school. Creative Ads will be in the New Era this Spring. School preparation including cleaning, new curtains, etc. **Maintenance Committee update:** Rocky reminds that the new heating and cooling units for the parish hall and offices have been installed and the evaporator coils just arrived and these units will be more efficient. **Hispanic Committee:** Bible study for facilitators has begun and first formation session initiated yesterday. Carl asks for prayers for the group as they prepare facilitators for the bible study sessions. **Youth:** High School update on activities 6-8 or more depending on event, will attend. Middle School 60-65 kids on Wednesday nights with 6 dedicated teachers. Dawn exhorts the council members to be in touch with their committees and get any reports to Shannon prior to the Executive Committee meeting each month.

New Business: 1st Communion, Confirmandi, RCIA, proposed that the PPC do something to affirm their decision. Proposed to Confirmandi to just reaffirm that they will become full members of the parish with their decision. Rocky asks about a party for them? Review of what the Church gives the picture, bible, etc. It is suggested something such as a card or letter, Sarah will draft and Dawn will edit the letter and have at the next meeting. Fr. Uwem 1st Anniversary - the council would like to acknowledge with cookies/Lemonade, coffee and donuts after the weekend Masses and a council member will speak at those masses. Dawn will speak at 8:00, Pat Covington will speak at 10:30, Sarah will speak at Saturday 5 PM, Carl will speak at 1:30 PM and Fr. Carmelo will ask Gorge and Hermina to speak at the 10:30 PM. New Maintenance Supervisor - Stephen Kinnard - the council would like to offer encouragement to him for a job well done thus far. Libby asks that we all make an effort to speak to him personally and let him know we have noticed. Rocky asks if we get a card and send it to him too. Libby suggests each

member of the council send Steven a thank you card. All agree. Staff of SSPP Church - The council would like to show their appreciation to the Office Staff and Judy Folz. Luncheon is suggested for them, Judy, Priests, Sue, Libby, Tom, Steven, Angie, David, Carl - Wednesday, April 6th at El Bracero at 12 Noon. Dawn will send invitations to the staff. **UPDATE ON SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Mid facilitators meeting reports somewhat successful although not as many people are attending as signed up. Wrap up session potluck and review of materials and provide interim materials to aide in daily study. Donations have been made of materials to use in between studies. As of right now, it appears that the same groups will continue and would like to encourage more to attend the next session "The Acts of the Apostles" which begins after Easter.

Action Items: **1.** Sarah will follow up with Dot Cherry about adding school items to the Facebook page. **2.** Sarah will bring the letters for those receiving the sacraments for the council members to sign. **3.** Libby will get the snacks for after the Masses for Fr. Uwem's anniversary. **4.** All council members will get a card and send it to Stephen Kinnard. **5.** Tom will send letters to those receiving envelopes that do not use them. **6.** Dawn will send invitations to the office staff for the luncheon.

What are we communicating to the parish and how? Dawn asks if the council would like to dedicate an entire meeting toward making the most of how we communicate. Suggested we do this for the next meeting. Motion made and council decision to dedicate as much time as we need at the next meeting.

Pastors comments - asks for prayer, shared the upcoming changes in pastors for our parish.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be April 28, 2011 at 6 PM. The executive committee will meet April 15 2011 at 12 Noon. If you are unable to attend the April meeting, please contact Dawn or Father John as soon as you can.