

Sts Peter & Paul Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2011

Present: Dawn Ligibel, Fr. Carmelo, Chris Thomas, Libby Downs, Sarah Kranz, Joe Schippers, Fr. Uwem, Carl Schmidt, Pat Covington

Absent: Rocky Spader, Tom Buehrle, Bart Cayce, Shannon Trogden

Call to order: 6:00 PM, Dawn Ligibel led the prayer; next month prayer, Libby Downs. Dawn Ligibel read scripture from coming weekend Gospel about doubting Thomas. Dawn reminds us that those who have not seen but still believe are blessed. Next month scripture, Carl Schmidt. Fr. Uwem shared formation on the dignity of the laity. Some say that pre-Vatican II, if you imagine a cart with the Pope in the front, Cardinals pulling the cart, Bishops and Archbishops pushing the cart and priests and nuns walking along side. Where are the people of the church in this scenario? Seated in the cart some with checkbooks and wallets. They were told to only obey, pay and pray. Unfortunately some leaders in the church still operate this way. Now imagine a different image: The Pope is still in the front with the Cardinals still pulling and the Archbishops and Bishops still pushing. The priests and nuns are still walking by the side. The laity, however, is now in the midst of the pushing and the pulling. Some are still inside the cart. When they grow tired of pushing and pulling, they go in the cart to rest. When refreshed, they go back to pushing and pulling toward the Kingdom of God. As the laity of the Church, we should think of ourselves as the hands, feet, eyes and ears. We should give what we have to Christ's Church.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved and will be sent to Jim Creighton for the website.

Review of Action Items from March: **COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Tom Buerhle not here to report on sending letters to the 30 families who receive collection envelopes, but do not use them. Dawn will follow up with Tom regarding results. **RED ENVELOPES:** Have not been received yet. Will discontinue second collection when they arrive. Will discuss at May meeting. **FACEBOOK:** Fr. John had Sue send another e-mail to parishioners inviting them to become "friends" of the SPP Facebook page. Sarah spoke to Dot Cherry about adding information about school on SPP Facebook page. Much improved, many notes about school activities. **LETTERS:** Sarah presented letters she had written to send to RCIA candidates, Confirmande and First Communicants for all Council members to sign. Sarah to e-mail Rocky, Pat and Bart ask them to stop by sacristy to sign letters this weekend. Libby will ask Sue to have letters copied and mailed to all recipients. **THANK YOU NOTES:** Dawn followed up with council members regarding sending thank you notes to Steven Kinnard for his good work. Only two members had sent notes at meeting time. **APPRECIATION LUNCHEON:** Dawn sent invitations to parish office staff inviting them to lunch on April 6. All who attended enjoyed the lunch and appreciated the show of appreciation.

Review of Action Items from February: **DAY CARE:** Sarah Kranz shared research she had completed regarding requirements for a day care center. Noting the different licenses required for the different types of facilities, Sarah noted that one at SPP would require a Type I license. If it is decided to move

forward on a day care option, Sarah emphasized that our number one priority would be to hire a Day Care Director, with the proper education, certification and experience to run the program. Sarah notes that it is possible to create a day care center using our current facilities which now house pre-school and parish offices. Sarah offers that criminal checks would have to be performed on all employees and we would want to require a non-refundable fee from families. Sarah has left messages for the Fire Marshall to gather additional information on requirements, but has not heard back. It was agreed that the idea of creating a day care center should be put on hold until the new pastor arrives and can assess the need. In the meantime, Sarah will continue to research as needed as if it will happen. Bart Cayce not in attendance to report on his findings regarding what would be required to build a new St. Vincent DePaul building. Chris Thomas cautions while someone may be willing to donate the necessary money to build a new St. Vincent DePaul building, that would most likely reduce that person's regular donations to the parish, which we cannot afford. It would reduce the money going toward the overall needs of the parish.

Liaison updates: **Worship Committee:** Divine Mercy Sunday will feature Fr. Ben from Father's of Mercy. Reconciliation will be offered at the conclusion of the service. One can receive an indulgence if receive communion, attend service and receive reconciliation. First communion will be May 8 at the 10:30 Mass. 31-32 students will be receiving the sacrament. On May 15, 41-42 students will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Two students will be confirmed elsewhere. SPP graduation Mass will be Thursday, May 19. At the 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 29, high school graduates will be recognized as will Fr. Uwem on the first anniversary of his ordination. May 31 is the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the weekend Masses of May 28 and 29, all who have Mary as part of their name will be called forward and a litany will be prayed. The worship committee is also developing procession ideas at different altars for the Feast of Corpus Christi. **School Update:** Mr. B (Rich Barnett, the new music director and music teacher) arrives Friday, April 29. The school will be hosting a talent show on May 17 and has asked Mr. B for assistance. The PTO offered three scholarships to attend summer camp at Gasper River. The students who wrote the best essays in each age group were to be awarded a scholarship. However, an anonymous donor donated \$1500 so all nine children who wrote essays will get to go to camp. The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is on May 13 and the students of the school will process to Mary's statue. ITBS testing is taking place now and next week. There will be a summer music camp conducted by Mr. B. Students will perform on August 4 after the meet & greet from 5 to 7. Music performance will be at 7 p.m. The musical is entitled "Once Upon a Parable." **Hispanic Committee:** Formation for Foundations in Faith scripture study continues. The study will kick off on May 9. Sign-up Sunday will be May 8 at the Spanish Masses. Today was a preliminary meeting for the future Hispanic committee where they will be choosing people to serve. The first meeting is anticipated for May 17. Essentially, it will be a Hispanic PPC but will still fall under the parish's main pastoral council. Dawn asks if there are any ways to bring the two communities closer together, recognizing the language barrier. Fr. Carmelo says he saw more intermingling in the gym at Fr. John's farewell dinner than he witnessed five years ago. **Stewardship:** Dawn updated stewardship plans per Tom's instructions. Tony Esposito (current stewardship committee chair), Tom and Dawn are to meet next week to discuss plans. Tom has been reading and taking many notes. Tom noted that Fr. Richard Meredith has had a strong stewardship program at his current parish. Tom is very excited

about where we are going in our parish with regards to stewardship.

New Business: Deanery Reps: Dawn announced that Greg and Diana Burch have resigned as Deanery representatives. Due to the Bishop's long-term planning for the diocese, there is no need to appoint anyone to fill this position at this time. **Fr. Uwem anniversary:** Plans to recognize Fr. Uwem's anniversary were reviewed. 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 music director:** Mr. B will be welcomed during announcements at each weekend Mass. Two council members volunteered to provide SCRIP cards to El Bracero and O'Charleys. Dawn will coordinate several parishioners to assist Rich and his wife with unloading and moving in when they arrive. **New Pastor and Associate Pastor:** Both will arrive on Tuesday, June 14. School children will make cards before school ends and they will be placed in their rooms in the rectory. Rocky is asking Knights to be available to help with move in. Libby suggests maybe priests would appreciate someone to accompany them on first communion calls. Dawn agrees to talk to Beverly Todd and Debbie Hardin to see if they would be willing to go with priests on June 17. Dawn also agrees to talk to Jerry Brockman to see if he would be willing to drive priests around town to help acclimate them to the area. Dawn suggests that council members should provide meals for the new priests for the first week they arrive. It was agreed to have cookies and lemonade/donuts and juice during weekend Masses June 18 & 19. Council members agree to speak at the conclusion of Mass this weekend to welcome new priests and announce treats in narthex. Sarah will speak at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dawn at 8 a.m., possibly Bart at 10:30 a.m. and Carl will ask commentators at 1:30 and 10:30 p.m. Masses. **Departing Priests:** There will be a farewell Mass and dinner, much like the one for Fr. John, held on Monday, June 6 to say farewell to Fr. Carmelo and Fr. Uwem. Both priests were asked if they need help moving, etc. Both declined. More ideas to assist departing priests will be discussed at the May meeting. **PPC Selection Process:** Dawn states that 31 individuals agreed to attend the educational workshop on Saturday, April 30 which will be required to be eligible for the drawing. One of our priests will pull a name out of each box (one for men, one for women) during the 8 a.m. Mass. Rocky Spader will be present for drawing.

Action Items:

1. Dawn will follow up with Tom regarding the 30 families receiving envelopes but not using them.
2. Bart will report on what is needed for new St. Vincent DePaul building.
3. Red envelopes. If arrived, will stop second collection.
4. Sarah to e-mail Bart and Rocky asking them to sign letters this weekend.
5. Libby to have Sue copy and mail letters.
6. Revisit ways to help Fr. Carmelo and Fr. Uwem move.
7. Update on farewell Mass and dinner for Fr. Carmelo and Fr. Uwem.
8. Dawn will talk to Beverly Todd and Debbie Hardin about going with Fr. Meredith and Fr. Dillard on their first communion calls.
9. Dawn will talk to Jerry Brockman about giving new priest tour of Hopkinsville.
10. Dawn will talk to Helen Brown about people who may want to provide meals for new priests during their first week here.

11. Carl to ask 3 or 4 Hispanic families to provide meals for new priests.

12. May 15, Fr. Carmelo or Fr. Uwem will draw names of new PPC members during 8 a.m. Mass.

Pastor's comments: Fr. Carmelo says he knows his English is not very good, but it is God's way that he be our pastor. He will do his best to continue our parish life.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be May 26, 2011 at 6 PM. The executive committee will meet May 12 2011 at 4 p.m. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, please contact Dawn as soon as you can.

Submitted by

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