St. Peter Church Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Sep 21, 2023

The St. Peter Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Ron Sayer.

Present: Ron Sayer, Debbie Coleman, Eileen Thompson, Nancy Davidson, Father Francis, Beth Walker, Mark Butner, Dennis Desmond, Mary McCoy, Lori Aldredge

Absent: Tom Hoff, Brad Haslag, Kathy Green, Maria Gomez, Guadulupe, Martinez

The meeting opened with prayer from Father Francis.

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Beth Walker moved to approve and Nancy Davidson seconded. Motion carried

SCHOOL REPORT

* Mary McCoy, St. Peter school principal, reported that seven people from the Diocese will come in to visit and evaluate St. Peter school as part of accreditation.
* Mary handed out the Mission Statement and Philosophy of the school and reviewed those with us.
* A new maintenance person has been hired for the school and church. Steve Hayob accepted the position. Contract calls for 30 hours per week split between church and school, with the majority of the time at school. Hiring him for 30 hours per week allowed us to offer him health insurance. It also allows us to address some of the maintenance needs at the church so that we don’t have to call in outside help.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Liturgy, Worship, and Spiritual Commission

* Bring a friend to church will be on Oct. 14-15 (Trying to get new and old members to come to church)

Someone suggested having donuts and coffee after mass.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

* This committee has a new member, Ryan Conway
* The weekly food drive continues for the Food Pantry
* Marshall Homeless Shelter & Services will have the 3rd Annual Sock & Sleeping Bag Drive runs Oct. 1 - Nov. 1 They will be collecting socks, hats, scarves, gloves, tents, and sleeping bags. These items can be dropped off at Summer’s Pharmacy.
* Several members of the Daughters of Isabella will attend the state conference at the Shrine of St. Patrick, St. Patrick, Mo on Sept. 29-30.
* The Altar & Rosary Society have served 9 funeral dinners since May along with 3 receptions - Easter, Confirmation & Baccalaureate. They had two brass vases re-brassed at a cost of $800.
* Beth Walker joined over 600 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers in Washington D.c. Sept 17-20 to lobby on health care issues.
* Meals on Wheels may possible need volunteers in the future.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

* Ron Discussed the new Maintenance position that was created.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

* No report - Will meet in October

HISPANIC COMMISSION

* No report

OLD BUSINESS

* Council Vacancy- Ryan Conway was appointed to fulfill Becky Fann’s remaining term on the council.
* English and Spanish classes. Dr.’s Roy & Melanie Elfrink have volunteered to teach the English classes. No volunteers to teach Spanish yet.

NEW BUSINESS

* October is Catholic Stewardship Renewal month (CSR) This takes the place of the old “time and talent” form.
* Soon there will be an email to invite parishioners to be part of a Grateful Living group. The sessions will start on Oct. 21. They will last 6 weeks in the fall and 6 weeks in the spring lasting about 1 ½ hours per session. Oct 7-8 and Oct 14-15 will be sign up Sundays. On Sept. 25th, there will be a small workshop training on Zoom @ 8:00 p,m, for small group leaders.
* 21st and 22nd are Prayer Commitment Sunday
* The Bishop issued several decrees:

Ron went over the packet as presented to the Parish Council and the details of the two decrees.

Policy on Parish Finance Council

Ron went over the policy and changes that will have to be made

1. Parish Council and Finance Council are to be two separate entities.
2. Father appoints the members of the Finance Committee they are not supposed to be elected. There will be term limits.
3. The Pastoral Council is supposed to provide advice to the pastor on pastoral, not temporal, issues of the parish.

Motion was made by Dennis Desmond that we don’t elect Finance Commission members per Diocesan policy. It was seconded by Nancy Davidson (this change will have to be made in the bylaws)

* Father Francis thanked Ron Sayer for all the hard work he does.

The next meeting of the St. Peter Parish Council will be Oct. 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. if needed.

Father Francis closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Coleman