St. Peter Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

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

Present: Ron Sayer, Debbie Coleman, Father Francis, Kathy Green, Mark Butner, Beth Walker, Guadelupe Martinez, Eileen Thompson, Maria Gomez

Lori Aldridge, Tom Hoff, Nancy Davidson

Absent: Dennis Desmond, Brad Haslag, Mary McCoy, Becky Fann

The meeting opened with prayer from Father Francis

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Kathy Green moved to approve and Eileen Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Mary McCoy was not present to give a school report.

COMMISSION REPORTS

**Liturgy**, **Worship and Spiritual -**  Ron Sayer reported that the committee is meeting in a couple of weeks. There were 420 at Ash Wednesday Mass.

**Social Concerns -** Beth Walker reported that Cereal Box Dominoes will be March 5 on the square at noon. They need volunteers to assist.

Marshall Homeless Shelter & Services are having a fundraising work group meeting on March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Assembly of God Church.

**Christian Education -**  Lori Aldridge reported that PSR has 4 students receiving first Eucharist on May 7 at 9:00 mass. There will be a recognition of High School and 8th grade graduates in May.

3 Catechumens are meeting on March 5 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia for Rite of Election.

April 16 is the last H.S. Youth Group Meeting for the spring.

Confirmation is March 22 at 11:00 No Mass, just the confirmation service. Luncheon afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Planning is in progress for the 2nd Christian Women’s conference.

Suggested putting a TV in vestibule with scrolling announcements.

**Administration Commission** - Meeting Wednesday morning (March 1).

**Hispanic Commission -**

January 21 - Diocesan instruction training for intercession ministry in Marshall had 30 parishioners from Marshall attend.

January 28 - 9 youth parishioners went to a Dicesan youth retreat in Carthage, Mo.

February 4 - 25 parishioners attended the Diocesan instruction/training.

February 11 & 12 - Marshall Servants retreat in Marshall with Father Manuel Saldivar.

February 19 - Evangelism 22 small communities for 6 sessions of Catholic Stewardships Appeal

The Hispanic Deacons are giving Baptism Sacrament instruction every 2 months for parents and godparents. First one was Feb. 4. Next one is on March 4.

There are 20 children preparing for First Communion.

**Old Business**

1. Stewardship additionalinformation

Ron wanted to give clarification for anyone who was unsure of what stewardship is.

Currently, each parish is assessed a Cathedraticum. The money is used to run the diocese and the office of the Bishop. This year St. Peter Parish assessment is just short of $28,000

On July 1, under the new Stewardship model, the Cathedraticum goes away and is replaced with an emphasis on tithing as the method for supporting our parishes and our diocese. This is the way we should be funding the operating expenses of our parish.
In place of the Cathedraticum the parish will tithe 10% of our income that is used for normal parish operating expenses. Additionally, we will be asked to tithe 10% of fundraisers and any monetary donations that are not part of planned bequests, wills, endowments, etc.

Ron handed out a sheet that explained stewardship and a list of things that are subject to 10% tithe and what is not subject to 10% tithe.

b) School - next steps

1. Parishioners were notified that something needed to be done about our school.
2. We need a way to get more detailed information out to parishioners who don’t come to church.
3. Send a letter to parishioners like the letter that was sent to the parents of the kids in school. Tom Hoff suggested that we put the letters in the back of church like we do tax forms. We would mail out the ones that don’t get picked up. This would save money on postage. Fr. Francis and Ron will work on this.
Tom suggested we do this for Easter weekend as that will be a high attendance weekend.

**New Business**

1. Parish Bulletin contract (info only)

The company that has been doing our bulletins is going out of business at the end of Feb.

Father has signed a contract with Integrated Communications.
Advantages - We don’t have to get advertisers, they will do that for us.

For every $1 we take in for ads above the costs of printing the bulletin, the Parish gets a Royalty check of 30%.

 There is a widget that can be installed on our web-site that will
 archive up to12 weeks of bulletins.

1. A tentative date of Sept. 17 was picked for the Harvest Festival. Kathy Green made the motion to approve and Tom Hoff seconded.
The Hispanic congregation has a retreat planned in the Parish Hall on Sat. Sept. 16. They are going to see if they can move it to Sept. 23rd.
2. WE need two people to co-chair.

**Clergy Report**

Father Francis reported that Baccalaureate for the High School is going to be at St. Peter.

Sweet Springs church has a couple living in the other half of the building for the past 30 years. We had a contract to sell the church but when the Diocese said there would be deed restrictions, they decided not to buy it.

The Diocese is trying to organize 5 Deaneries. Parishes in a Deanery would share resources.

The next scheduled meeting of the council will be tentatively on March 16 @ 6:00 p.m. (If we have things to discuss)

Father Francis closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Coleman