

St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: Fr. K, Mike Jany, Joe Morris, Jackie Kiser, Linda Webb, Tommy Murray, Bob Klitzman, & Andy Pesaresi. Also present was Rachel Morris

Members absent: Bill Girton

Meeting opened with prayer led by Bob Klitzman at 6:30 P.M.

1. Fr. K opened the meeting with comments the Catholic Standards of Excellence Program that is in the beginning stages of development for our Diocese & Parishes. Rachel was congratulated on being selected to become a Consultant for our entire Diocese. She attended at 2 day workshop on March 11 & 12.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
3. The Council was asked about any comments from parishioners. There was no news to share at this time.

A. Committee Reports:

Building & Maintenance:

1. Joe reported that the handicap ramp concrete was patched and repaired once again. We may need to consider in the future replacing all the concrete. For some reason it is need of constant repair. Perhaps the issue may be the heating of the ramp. The Religious Education sidewalk has also had repairs to the concrete, per the advisement of Catholic Mutual. Bob shared pictures of the Chimney in the Religious Education building. It is very concerning. Joe commented that the goal is to possibly remove the whole chimney to stop the water damage. To do this, we will need to re-vent the furnace. There may not be a need to have a hot water heater in the Center anymore and that would solve the issue of re-venting that if it were to just be removed. Joe also shared the water damage in the Vestibule of the church. The flat roof is the source of the water damage there.

Cemetery:

1. All tombstones that were in need of repair have been fixed. Thanks are given to Dan McKinley for taking care of those. Tommy will be replacing the flag at the Cemetery, as it is worn and tattered from the winter. He was approached about a mole problem in the Cemetery. Greg Zellers will be asked to put something on the lawn to kill the grubs, thus helping to remove the moles. Traps may not be used in the Cemetery because of possible tripping hazards to visitors. Tommy also shared that he has removed the big concrete slabs and most of the sand pile at the Cemetery. Thank you to Tommy for making the Cemetery look nice. There is also a hole in the cemetery that needs some fill dirt, he will use what is left to fix that after he talks with Weaver Fox Excavating to see if there is a broken tile underneath the ground where the void keeps happening.

Social/Ecumenism:

1. Jackie shared with the Council that The Passion of the Christ movie Sunday was cancelled due to lack of interest. Timing could have been a factor since the school play was that weekend also. Mike Jany shared an idea of a possible speaker/dinner evening. He has been in contact with Jonathan Sullivan about speakers (see attached report). The council liked the idea of possibly scheduling an event in the Fall of this year. Mike will contact one of the speakers and start looking for a date. High school students may be contacted to help provide daycare for the evening. Linda Webb shared a new idea that was being held in Pulaski, Soul Core. It is a yoga type stretching exercise while doing the Rosary or meditation of some sort. She attended a class in Logansport and that evening one was being held in Pulaski at the Gilsinger Museum. Fr. K encouraged the Council and Parish to attend the National Day of Prayer this coming Thursday, May 2 at the Methodist Church beginning at 12:05 P.M.

Education:

1. Fr. K reported there are 2 RE classes left for this year. On May 8th, the last class, Rachel and he will hold a cook out and games for all students.

The appreciation dinner for all catechists & their spouses will be held on Friday, May 17th at Poblanos. The Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday, May 19 with a breakfast prepared & served by Rachel. Fr. K will also be checking with our RE teachers to see if they are interested in coming back to teach again next year. We currently have one candidate, Kelly Sass from St. Joseph, in RCIA who will be joining our Cluster around Pentecost this year.

Liturgy:

1. Linda shared that we have 2 servers in the 4th grade that have been trained and will be serving for the first time this weekend. A request for more adult servers will be placed in the bulletin. Linda will train anyone who is interested. Fr. K commented that he would love to see a father/son serving team and/or mother/daughter serving team.

4. The Cameras are currently being installed in the Good Samaritan Store. After they finish there, St. Francis will begin. Upon their completion, St. Peters will be installed.

4. Rachel shared the update on the Dorothy Gilsinger donations. Monies were donated to a single mother, Brittany Rotering, who is raising a handicap child on her own. Rent, utilities, and groceries were given to her to help out. Linda Webb shared with the Council that they school was very happy with their donation from our Parish to assist with Middle School students who may need a little extra to eat during the day. Fr. K shared that donations are being sought to help with the Warrior Up program that will begin during the summer months. It also helps students with food needs. Rachel shared that our Venture Crew will be heading to North Carolina in July. Donations and a fundraiser will be held to help offset those costs.

5. Insurance issues were discussed with the Council regarding the new policy of the Diocese. Extra coverage is needed for special events that are open to the Public. Rachel & Fr. K fill out the paperwork and submit it to Catholic Mutual. Any parish that does not comply is responsible for the entire deductible.

6. Rachel gave a quick presentation on the Catholic Standards of Excellence. The first thing that our Parish needs to do is come up with a mission statement. Bob Klitzman will begin drafting possibilities. He will gather examples and share with the Council.

7. Fr. K reported on the Lenten activities. Each parish held their own evening Mass with the time for Benediction and Stations. The attendance was rather low at each parish. He also reported that attendance was low during Holy Week, however, it was up from the attendance last year. Overall Fr. felt the Lenten Season was good. Mike shared that an extra basin to help wash feet on Holy Thursday would be a good idea. It would make it easier. The council will watch for a basin to donate. Mike also shared an thought on a possible live reenactment of the Passion. He visited a Church that had that Passion portrayed in such a way and it was something that he will always remember.

8. The parish will no longer be using Centurylink for the email service provider. The service is terrible. The parish has been notified to use the Diocesan email address which is rmorris@dol-in.org for future contact with the parish office.

The meeting ended at 7:55 P.M. with prayer led by Jackie Kiser.

Minutes submitted by Rachel Morris

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, June 20th at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Janey,

Thank you for your email! We do have contacts with speakers from around the diocese. Without knowing your specific needs/budget/etc., I can recommend:

- Leighton Drake (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel) – the Gospel message
- Paul Sifuentes (Office of Catechesis, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana) - evangelization
- Susan Hoefer (Office of Family Life, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana) – family life and pro-life issues
- Fr. Ted Rothrock (St. Elizabeth Seton, Carmel) – the liturgy
- Fr. David Huemmer (St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton) – spirituality

I hope that helps!

Blessings,

Jonathan

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Speaker ideas Inbox ×



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to Jonathan, Jackie ▾

Jonathan,

Hi,

My name is Mike Jany from St Peters in Winamac, Indiana.

I am a member of the parish council, along with Jackie Kiser. We make up the social/ecumenism About 20 years ago during "Renew" we had an event called "Theology Night Out". Basically it was a thought.

My question is, does the diocese know of available speakers relevant to the Catholic faith? Relevant etc.

I'm just looking for any information that might help us decide if a similar get-together might work at our parish. Thanks.

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Jonathan F. Sullivan

Mr. Jany, Thank you for your email! We do have contacts with speakers from around the diocese.

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to Jonathan, Jackie ▾

Jonathan,

Very helpful. I will share this with the other parish council members and see where it goes.

Thanks.

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