

St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Members absent: Tommy Murray

Meeting opened with a prayer led by Dr. Klitzman at 7:00 P.M.

Fr. K began the meeting with opening comments about Rachel being asked to help at All Saints Parish in Logansport. He told the Council he was consulted and asked if he would be willing to share her talents during their loss of a business manager and 2 secretaries. He supported the request but left the decision to her. She has been splitting her time between the two parishes the last 6 weeks. Fr. thanked Rachel for all of her extra efforts that she does for our Cluster, All Saints and the Diocese. Rachel's extra efforts are appreciated!

Bob Klitzman spoke briefly about evangelization. He wanted the Council to remember that little subtle comments can make a big difference in people's lives. He gave the examples of Joe sharing comments with his workers and also how he casually was able to bring our faith into a meeting with his staff at the School. It's very important that we continue to evangelize at every moment we have.

1. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.
2. The Council continues to brainstorm on how we can increase our Pew Census. Prior to the meeting, we celebrated a Holy Day Mass. The attendance at St. Peter's was 121; St. Joseph the night before was 57. Fr. spoke to the council about how we do not need two Masses for an Holy Day, including Christmas. The Council voiced their concerns about eliminating Masses. They understand Fr.'s point, but they also feel if we were to eliminate Mass times, we may be turning parishioners away from mass altogether. The Council will continue to pray for an answer to our Mass attendance issue.

3. Bob Klitzman also shared with the Council about Don playing soft music prior to Mass. He feels that people really enjoy that. He spoke with Don after Mass and shared his thoughts with him.
4. The Council mentioned to Fr. that it was nice to have Bishop Doherty visit for weekend Masses. Although he was unable to make the 4:00 Mass, he was there for the other Masses. The council thought it would be nice if the Bishop could visit at least once a year if his schedule could permit it.
5. Fr. mentioned to the Council and also during Mass that it was wonderful to have our Council handle all the Liturgy Assignments for the Holy Day Mass and also be in their matching St. Peter T-shirts. Perhaps we can plan another occasion for them all to be there for another Mass.

A. Committee Reports:

1. Building & Maintenance: Joe gave a brief update on the building & grounds.
 - A. Quotes are being gathered from McGrath & Davis Plumbing and Heating for a high efficiency furnace for the Religious Education Building. The bids will be shared with the Council when they are received and then moved to the Finance Council for approval. This will eliminate the water problem on the wall in the kitchen.
 - B. Lights have fallen in the kindergarten classroom over the summer. They will be fixed before Classes start in September. LED lights will be installed on as needed basis when the current bulbs go out.
 - C. A cellar door has been ordered for the Rectory. The current one is rusting out and if someone accidentally steps on it, they will fall through. It is a concern of safety at this point.
 - D. Tuckpointing will be done in the bell tower and outside of the building very soon.
2. Cemetery- Andy had no nothing to report to the council.
3. Social- Mike & Jackie reported on the social evening being planned. Paul Sifentas is still planning to be the guest speaker for the event even though he has accepted a new job in Indianapolis. A planning meeting is

scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th at 7:30 P.M. in the Church. The event date has been set for October 26th after the 4:00 P.M. More details will be made available to the parishioners after the meeting.

4. Education: Fr. K reported all the teachers are set for this upcoming RE year. Mike Jany has accepted the position of 3rd Grade teacher. There is a teacher meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th. At this time, about half of the students have been registered for Class. The deadline to register is Wednesday, August 21st.

5. Liturgy- Linda had nothing new to report.

6. Fr. K reported that the security cameras are in and working. We saved a little over \$700 in the quote price given. The next step would be to train the ushers to look for any unusual activity that may occur before Mass.

7. Rachel shared with the council to call the office prior to coming in because of her shared time between our Cluster and All Saints. Tentatively she is in Logansport on Tuesday for most of the day and on Wednesday mornings. She comes to the office early in the morning and later in the evening to keep our cluster running smoothly.

8. Parish Council elections will begin in several weeks. All information will be shared in the bulletin. The following is the schedule:

September 14 & 15- Annoucement Sunday

September 21 & 22; Nominating Sunday

September 28 & 29: Publish Candidate Names

October 5 & 6: Election Sunday

Linda Webb & Bill Girton will be going off the Council this year. We thank both of them for their time & talent. Both are eligible for re-election to the Council.

9. Rachel & Fr. K handed out Self-Assessment surveys for the Catholic Standards of Excellence. Rachel has been trained as a consultant. The Council took the surveys and handed them back in. They will be evaluated and discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:20 P.M. with the Our Father led by Joe Morris.

Minutes submitted by Rachel Morris

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 P.M.