

## St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Fr. K, Joe Morris, Jackie Kiser, Bob Klitzman, Tommy Murray, Emma Kiser, Andy Pesaresi and Don Clouser. Also present was Rachel Morris

Members absent: Mike Jany

Meeting opened with prayer led by Bob Klitzman at 6:00 P.M.

1. Bob Klitzman began the meeting by discussing the Loaning Library that will be ready beginning next weekend. The idea behind the library is for anyone to borrow a book (all Catholic books approved by Fr. K) read it, share it and return it. The loaning library will be at the entrance to our Parish. Bill Girton will install the shelves. In addition, our evangelizing effort continues to focus on the banners located in front of the Rectory. A new one for Lent will be put up soon.

Bob also commended Fr. K on the wonderful job on the recent Baptism during Mass. Bob expressed his appreciation to him on the job he does with celebrating our Sacraments, including funerals. He suggested that we should advertise when a Baptism will take place thus giving the opportunity for more parishioners to experience this wonderful welcoming of a new member to our Cluster.

2. Installation of Don Clouser & Emma Kiser to our Council was held next. Fr. K gave a brief talk and welcomed them to our Council.
3. Uniting in Heart was discussed with Council. Rachel & Fr. K shared the latest happenings regarding the upcoming changes. By the end of March, we should know if we will be welcoming a new Priest to our Pastorate, since 80% or more of the priests will be re-assigned.
4. Bob Klitzman next held nominations for the vacant spots of Vice President and Secretary. Tommy made a motion to elect Don Clouser to Vice President, the motion was seconded by Joe. Andy made a motion to elect Jackie Kiser as Secretary, Tommy seconded the motion. Bob will remain as President; Don as Vice President; and Jackie will be Secretary.

5. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
6. The Council was asked about any comments/thoughts they would like to share. Don Clouser asked if there was ever a follow up meeting from the Theology Night out. Jackie said the committee met and all positive feedback was heard. Rachel also gave a quick recap on the financial part of the evening.

Don also asked Fr. K about if Eucharistic Ministers should be using hand sanitizer before distributing the Body of Christ to Parishioners. Fr. K will implement this procedure to all EM's during the next training session.

Fr. K suggested we should consider advertising/sponsoring an ad on WKVI promoting our Cluster. We could also advertise in The Market.

#### A. Committee Reports:

##### Building & Maintenance:

1. Joe gave a quick recap on what's been happening with the building.
  - a. The Cellar door has been replaced at the Rectory due to big rust holes. The door would be a danger to anyone who accidentally stepped on it.
  - b. A high efficiency furnace has been installed in the Religious Education Building by Davis Plumbing & Heating. The furnace will allow us to cap off the chimney, thus stopping the leaking. The wall in the kitchen of the building will be fixed soon because leaks will no longer be an issue.
  - c. The Rectory boiler had to be replaced this past month. The boiler that was installed under 10 years ago was already rotting away from the inside out. Davis Plumbing and Heating also installed the boiler. There were many times this winter when the Rectory had no heat and it would be cheaper to install new rather than try and fix the old boiler.
  - d. The church boilers are in need of minor repairs due to leaking, but are working properly. We have not had many issues with them thus far this year.

- e. The Self Inspection Report for Catholic Mutual has been done and turned in. There has been no major issues that need to be addressed.
- f. Tuck pointing was done on the front of the Church and the Religious Education Center this past Fall by Paul Nowak. The tuck pointing was also done in the Bell Tower. Paul cleaned the Bell Tower as well and hauled away a huge amount of mess material. Joe and Fr. K were very pleased with his work.
- g. Joe asked Fr. K if an appointment may be made sometimes this year for Verdin to come and service the bells, Rachel will check and see the last time it was done.
- h. Joe also spoke briefly on the Roof and shared with Don Clouser the recent bids that we have received. More bids will be collected. Fr. K suggested we reach out to Bone Dry Roofing, the Company that just finished St. Joseph's parish.

#### Cemetery:

- 1. Tommy shared with the Council that he has hauled away the sand pile and all the concrete blocks that were in the Cemetery. He also just replaced the flag because of wind damage. Tommy was thanked for his dedication of checking all graves for proper footer dimensions before concrete is poured. His attention to the Cemetery is a wonderful help to Fr. K and Rachel. The Cemetery Committee will need to schedule a meeting to discuss the possible change in the Rules.

#### Social/Ecumenism:

- 1. Jackie thanked the Committee who worked on the Theology Night. The event was a big success and was well received by the Parish.

#### Education:

- 1. Fr. K reported we have only had to cancel 1 RE class this year so far due to weather. The students are very much enjoying the dinners that we have started doing for them this year. This will continue as long as we continue to have interest. There is no cost to the parish for the dinners. Food is donated. Students are asked to bring \$1 to eat.

## Liturgy:

Fr. K reported that Ash Wednesday will be this Wednesday. The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00 P.M. The Triduum Schedule will remain the same this year as in past years. We do not have anyone who will be baptized at the Vigil this year. Fr. K also updated the Council that we will continue with the stop of distributing the Blood of Christ. The order will come from the Bishop's office when we may renew.

4. Fr. K educated the Council on the Honorarium sheets regarding funerals. There is no cost for anything regarding a funeral except for the perpetual care fee for the funeral. Rumors have been circulating throughout the Cluster stating that families are being charged for the use of the building, electric bill, funeral dinners, etc. Each member of the Council was given a sheet explaining the process of what families are given. The hope is that all rumors will now be dismissed. One suggestion to improve the forms was given by Don. The form will be adjusted going forward.

4. Bob Klitzman thanked the high school students for their recent participation in projects before Christmas. The students did a wonderful job and had tremendous support from our Cluster!

5. Fr. K and Rachel will begin looking at dates to schedule a Cemetery clean up. The dates will be published in the bulletin for several weeks prior to the clean up.

6. Rachel gave a quick report of the Dorothy Gilsinger account. There was no need at this time for monies to be donated to.

7. Andy discussed the recent Trivia Night at All Saints Parish in Logansport. It was a very well organized event and he would like to see something similar to the evening happen at our Cluster.

The meeting ended at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Rachel Morris

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 P.M.