

SAINT PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Hahn, Sr. Zephрина Mary, Father Dooley, Deacon Hauser, Mary Elsass,
Alicia Thompson, Eric Rinehart, Toni Glandon, Lynn Anderson & Dick Black

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Dave Neal

Father Hahn opened the meeting with a prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The new council members were introduced: Deacon Hauser, Toni Glandon, and Lynn Anderson. Each member gave a brief biography of themselves as a way of introduction.
2. Nomination and election of officers: Eric Rinehart was nominated and elected as President, Mary Elsass was nominated and elected as Vice President, and Dick Black was nominated and Elected as Secretary.
3. The Parish Leadership 2017 – 2018 with liaison duties of council members and the various Parish committees and organizations within Saint Peter's were picked and assigned. Jenny French will update and distribute the assignments.
4. Parish Census Follow up.
There are 120 members who did not respond to the Parish census. The elected council members Are to reach out and contact these members via telephone. Father Hahn distributed a script to be used for the Census follow up. The goal is to have the census follow up completed by Sept. 29, 2017.
5. Eric distributed a copy of the definition of the Saint Peter's Parish Council.
The handout included the Parish Mission Statement, the description of the Council, A description of What is a Parish Council Member, and about Council meetings.

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OLD OR OTHER BUSINESS

1. Book Discussion: Forming a Parish of Intentional Disciples – Chapters 6-7

a. FIRESIDE CHATS

(1) Host Dinners – RCIA members and their friends. Alicia Thompson suggestion.

(2) Sacred Heart Home Enthronement. Alicia Thompson suggestion

b. Eric suggested distributing the MARY MIRACULOUS METAL with card explaining the history of the medal.

c. Alicia Thompson mentioned the Saint Peter Welcoming Packet. A part of the Saint Peter Welcoming Committee, chaired by Jenny French.

The packet includes the following information:

(1) Parish Guide Book and Directory

(2) Parish Picture Directory

(3) Sheets on: Brief History of the Parish, Describes the Stained Glass Windows in the Parish, and The Mural Description (INTO THY HANDS)

(4) Pamphlet on The Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel along with an invitation to attend the Adoration Chapel.

(5) A pamphlet on Sister Guardians and a sponsor sign-up sheet.

(6) AM 820 Info.

(7) Bishop Flaget School Info.

(8) Knights of Columbus flyer, for Catholic men eighteen or older

(9) Previous and current quarters Parish News Letter, "THE ROCK".

(10) Copy of current Sister Guardian News Letter, "THE GUARDIAN".

(11) If not in RCIA program, they are given a Crucifix.

(12) Welcome letter from and signed by Father Hahn.

(13) Registration Sheet.

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2. Saint Peter's Mission Statement, " A COMMUNITY FOUNDED ON ADORATION AND PRESENCE TO THE POOR".

Father Hahn indicated that he wants the Mission Statement stressed to all Saint Peter's Committees.

3. OCTOBERFEST. October 7,2017.

4. Chillicothe Courthouse Rosary Rally

The Rally will begin with coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall, then all will march to the Courthouse.

The rally at the courthouse is scheduled for 12:00 noon on October 14,2017.

The next council meeting is scheduled for: November 16,2017 @ 7:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned, Deacon Hauser led in prayer.

Received Committee reports are attached to these minutes.

Submitted by: Dick Black

From Leigh Ann Meeker

Bereavement Committee: We have had a slow last 5 months with only 2 bereavements. As always, the families are very grateful. We hit a milestone at 50 bereavements since I took over for Sister Mary Peter. Just a note, the Bereavement Committee is self-supporting. We are not part of the parish budget. We rely on monetary donations and donations of food. Anyone can make a donation. No donation is too small or too large!

Garden Club: The Boy Scouts delivered the mulch in April and our own parishioner Jack Huggins spread all the mulch as part of his being a Boy Scout. That was greatly appreciated. I decided to go with Dragon-Winged Begonias instead of our usual geraniums this year. The geraniums required constant deadheading and the begonias require none. The flowers were bought from Ortman Greenhouse; he did offer us a price break since we are a non-profit. Overall, I think the begonias have been a good choice. I did something a little different with the pots outside the church side entrance and the entrance to the parish center. I love how they turned out. It gives a little tropical feel to the courtyard.

Volunteers for the Garden Club are always welcome. In the past 2 years, I have lost 4 very faithful and hard workers due to back issues and other illnesses. They have not been replaced. Any questions that anyone has about either committee can contact me.

From Barb Polans

50+ Club: Our last group event was the Canvas Painting Class in March, attended by eight people who enjoyed learning and creating their own 16"x20" painting. The class was taught by local artist and instructor Clare Hutton, who coaxed and coached us to become artists for the day. Our group is always seeking suggestions for new members and activities - from simply getting together for lunch or a movie to visiting local sites of interest or special events. Anyone interested in sharing ideas for fun times can call Barb at 740-773-9878.

From Mary Elsass

St. Vincent de Paul Society: It's been a busy summer in the pantry with increased needs for families to feed their children when school is out. In June and July, we provided food for 311 households serving 855 individuals. At the same time, we were blessed with many generous monetary and food donations from our parishioners and friends, including those who brought fresh fruits and vegetables from their gardens. As recipients of the July "Monday Night" food drives at "Tecumseh!", we collected 2,700 canned and packaged foods. We help our neighbors in need with limited assistance in preventing utility shutoffs, buying prescription medications, bus tokens, and vouchers for clothing and shoes. We are joining St. Mary's SVdP Society in a new diocesan initiative aimed at giving "the working poor" an alternative to outrageous interest and fees charged by "payday lenders." Currently funded by our diocesan council, the Micro-loan Program will provide a limited number of loans up to \$500 (3% interest) for eligible clients with emergency expenses that could jeopardize their health, home or employment. We are attending training sessions to serve as financial mentors for these folks.

Parish Library: No report

Parish Activities: No report

Family Life Coordinator Report:

Divine Mercy Cenacle: We are finishing up with our Summer retreat reading, "I Believe in Love". We will begin our next assignment in the formation process in September and also are preparing to have a retreat either at the end of September or early October. We are discussing a pilgrimage to the chapel of the Disciples of the Divine Mercy in the Holy Face of Jesus in Buffalo, NY. It is our desire to begin another group for formation this fall.

Baptisms:

- **July: 0**
- **August: 1**
- ***(1 due in Sept; 2 more no date set but instruction has been done; and 2 more awaiting instruction)***

Marriage: Tony and Cynthia Skowronek married on July 14th. I am in the process of revising our marriage prep program to include a mentoring component for the engaged couples to be connected with a role model couple(s). We have one couple seeking marriage and one for validation.

Creighton Model Report:

I am seeing one new client couple since July for marriage prep (Portsmouth couple). I have an introductory session scheduled for a couple in Washington Court House on Monday, August 28th. I advertised at the Ross County Fair and am receiving referrals from Chris Hiles via RCIA candidates. Still awaiting notice on certification from the Fertility Care Centers of America.

Theology of Dance: Scheduled for June 17th—we had a low turn out for our event but it was a wonderful presentation by the Ficcocelis. We discussed having them back as entertainment for a future parish event rather than holding it separately. Food was delicious and provided by Haute Doggery.

Ross County Right to Life: We have had two meetings and now have settled on meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:15 in the Holy Family Library here at St. Peters. We agreed to have a presence at the Ross County Fair at our booth and possibly distribute materials via other churches' booths while we were there, but we didn't get very many materials from ORTL to do this. We did however get a good number of signatures to ban the dismemberment abortions which is going to the Ohio House soon. We are also investigating the possibility of posting Respect Life signs in or around Ross County and we are planning to have a local March for Life in January downtown.

Little Flowers Girls Club: We are restarting the LFGC this year—plans are to begin in September and we will run through May. Registration will take place the next two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Harness

Music Ministry and Uganda Mission

Music ministry

Bob Cook attended a chant workshop this summer and will be sharing what he learned with the choir.

Laura is continuing with her organ lessons with Jason Keefer, Director and Professor of Sacred Music and Principal Organist at the Pontifical College Josephinum. She played one of the pieces she learned for the Latin Mass on August 1st.

The choir season will resume after Labor Day. We are looking for new members!

Uganda Mission Team

Diane Corcoran recently returned from a trip to Uganda with her older daughter to visit Laura and the children at Miryante. One of the buildings has been converted to a guest house since a Peace Corps Worker lives in the house used by the mission team last year. Amanda Zurface and Monsignor David Baumgartner also went and taught Theology of the Body classes to all the children.

Many people sent small gifts for the children they sponsor, and others sent gifts for any child. We were fortunate to be able to give something special to every child. They were very appreciative. It means so much to them to know someone is thinking of them.

A church has been built on the campus. Right now there is nothing inside it. The Dan and Judy Harness family donated a picture of the image of the Divine Mercy. The sisters sent a chalice and paten, which was used for Mass, although not at the new building.

Fr. Erineo joined us several times. He traveled from his parish to the Shrine of the Ugandan Martyrs in Kampala to celebrate Mass with Monsignor Baumgartner. He invited us to Wekomiire Parish on a Sunday to celebrate Mass and enjoy a delicious meal. He visited us at Miryante Orphans' Home and joined us at Doreen Tigah's wedding introduction (Doreen is the manager at Miryante). He also saw us off at the airport. He was a wonderful host!

We will soon be starting plans to send a Mission Team back to Miryante next summer!

Diane Corcoran

PSR from Tess Hatmacher

Classes begin Sept. 10, grades 1-8, with the addition of PreK/K beginning Sept. 17 and occurring the third Sunday of every month. Registration will be after all Masses, Aug. 26/27 and Sept. 2/3. We have the same strong teachers as last year, with the addition of Robin Flannigan teaching PreK/K. The addition of PreK/K was her wish and calling. Our first Teacher Planning Meeting is Aug. 29, so hopefully the Holy Spirit will ignite our spirits and our minds to plan a productive year.

