



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
12 JANUARY 2016
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Name	Parish Council Role/Committee	Present (Y/N)
Fr. Augustine D'Armond (FrA)	Parish Pastor	Y
Deacon Eddie Ramsey (ER)	Ex-officio	Y
Angela Geekie (AG)	Parish Council Chair	Y
Jane Scharding-Smedley (JSS)	Choir Director –Ex-officio	Unable to attend
Christina Klyce (CK)	DRE – Ex-officio	Unable to attend
Ramon Marus (RM)	Finance	Unable to attend
Jim Latta (JL)	Stewardship	Y
Aggie Fratta (AF)	At-large member	Y
Tim Anderson (TA)	At-large member	Y
Carla Cook (CC)	At-large member	Unable to attend
Tommie Cervetti (TC)	Liturgy	Y
Robert Hardwick (RH)	Building and Maintenance	Y
Gay Landaiche (GL)	Secretary and Discipleship	Y
Laura Robinson (LR)	Prayer Shawl	Unable to attend
Bill Robinson (BR)	At-Large	Y
Warren Johnson (WJ)	New Member Outreach	Unable to attend
Kathy Anthony (KA)	Ministry to the sick	Unable to attend
Bobbie Rennie (BR)	Archives	Unable to attend
Melissa Espisito (ME)	Young Adults	Y
Melissa Peterson (MP)	Hospitality	Unable to attend
Sandra Douglas (SD)	At-large	Y
Julia Waggoner (JW)	Youth Group	Y
Leslie Coleman (LC)	Ex-officio Past Council Chair	Y
Kay Johnson (KJ)	Women's Guild	Y

CST Time (PM)	Topic	Discussion Facilitator
6:30-6:45	Parish Update and New Business	Fr. Auggie
6:45-7:00	Parish Council Meeting Structure	Fr. Auggie
7:00-7:30	Discipleship Workshop review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Day • Take-aways • Next steps 	Gay Landaiche and all
7:30-7:45	New Business from committees	
7:45 -7:55	Parish Council Meeting Scheduled for 2016	Angela Geekie
7:55 – 8:00	Review of Action items and Wrap-up	All



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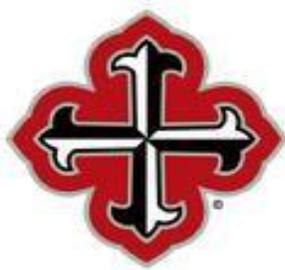
Minutes:

Parish Update and New Business – Fr A

- Fr Joh Lydon will be teaching at W. Philadelphia Catholic Prep High School. *Fr A to provide contact information*
- Directories are available. Fr. A provided “pocket-sized” version to all attendees.
- *Fr A will follow-up regarding additional services that were to be provided (i.e app directory)*
- ***Post-meeting note: Can we provide an update in the bulletin with his contact information for those parishioners that would like to reach-out to him?***

Parish Council Meeting Structure – Fr A & AG

- Going forward to assist with efficiency and eliminate repetition, all committees may not need to provide a verbal update to the Council. FrA attends most all committee meetings so he is aware of day-to-day happenings.
- Parish Council meeting updates will be used to bring issues to the entire council if support is needed by a particular committee or if critical information that impacts the work of the parish is in need of discussion.
- Committee reports should be submitted to AG prior to council meetings if a committee chair (or designee) is unable to attend. **Post-meeting note: Please submit all reports to AG 1 week prior to Council meetings. Meeting dates for 2016 are listed below.**
- An agenda will be developed and followed at all Council meetings. Please submit any agenda items to AG 1 week prior to the scheduled meetings. This will allow for review to ensure that items are allotted appropriate time for discussion. Agendas will be sent to council members no later than the Friday (2 business days) prior to the upcoming meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be generated and shared with all council members. Minutes will be used as documentation and included in the archives, and will assist in required reporting of parish business. **Recommendation: meeting minutes will be posted on the parish website. Council discussed and agreed. Fr. A will conduct final review to ensure that nothing of a sensitive nature is posted.**



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Discipleship Workshop Review – GL

- On Saturday 09 Jan 2016 several Council members, RCIA team leaders and those interested in parish discipleship attended a Discipleship Workshop lead by Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP (Fr. Sweeney has worked closely with Sherry Weddell author of Forming Intentional Disciples)
- Summary of Discussion –
 - Evangelization is the work of the laity – there is a difference in learning resources and true evangelization which is introducing someone to Christ through ourselves
 - We need to look at it from a “What would you do as Christ?” instead of asking “What would Jesus do?”
 - Fr. A’s idea of discipleship and evangelization is that the pastor is at the center and others go out and minister. This is a different model from the priest being solely responsible for evangelization. Per Fr. Sweeney – a priest can only “evangelize” 200 people so it is up to the laity to also evangelize. It was discussed at the workshop that the parish leadership should each start out by evangelizing to 12 people.
 - How do we do this as a parish – by meeting people where they are, and building trust and relationships (BR).
 - We need to build relationships with those we are evangelizing in the same manner we build a relationship with anyone including Christ – through conversations, and developing an interest in those we are evangelizing. We need to step out of our comfort zone and send people a personal invitation (JW).
 - GL and AG discussed the Alpha program that is a new initiative at St. Peter. RCIA is a time for discernment, but the goal of Alpha is to develop a personal relationship with Christ. It was recommended that those considering RCIA attend Alpha first to develop that relationship with Christ. It was also noted that RCIA programs may “jump too far ahead” (TC) and that Catholics don’t understand Catholicism and this makes them hesitant to share with others (SD).



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Alpha is a safe environment and is a very structured program that helps to facilitate developing a personal relationship with Christ. LC recommended that this would be a great program to offer in people's homes. GL stated that is something that is being considered for future Alpha programs. As St. Peter is a downtown parish, we need to think of nontraditional ways to evangelize. ER does not want to have Alpha as a prerequisite to RCIA as it is an evangelization tool. GL stated the start of the Alpha program was listed on the bookmark that was included in the books given out at Christmas.

- It was noted that the congregation really listens when Fr. A makes an announcement but there is a risk that these "announcements" could become mundane or repetitive. This will be further discussed as we investigate the best approach to getting the word out regarding new initiatives.
- Primary take-away is that we ALL need to be greeters, ushers, evangelizers.
- There will be a wrap-up meeting this Sunday at Laura Robinson's house for those who attended the workshop. If others have ideas they would like to have discussed – please e-mail them to AG.

New Business from Committees

- Young Adults – ME reported that the Young Adults began a new study this evening. They will meet monthly as a group at church and weekly in homes (separately by sex). The YA conducted an Alpha session this fall for their group as well as new individuals.
- Liturgy Committee – TC – Committee will meet on 2 February at 6:45 pm at St. Peter Church. The Lenten lecture series will be led by Fr A and the topic is "Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy."
- Women's Guild – KJ – There has been a great response to new efforts to revive the Guild. One goal is to engage all age demographics in the Guild (a transportation committee will help with this). The bake sale made \$1600 and \$1500 in dues have been collected to date.
- Stewardship - JL – Next committee meeting is scheduled for 7 Feb in the Choir room at 9:45. Focus will be on prayer and ministry.
- Angel Tree – Parish supported 150 kids. Gifts were provided to Dorothy Day House and Gifts for God's Children. Although only 150 Angels were requested – it is estimated that 400 gifts were given. AF asked that in future years this specific (numbers) information be shared with the parish to highlight our generosity.



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- Maintenance – RH – Three primary initiatives:
 - The roof of the main church must be replaced. The original contractor has backed out so the rebidding process must begin again. The noted plaster damage is the direct result of the leaking roof.
 - Massive security upgrade for the entire campus with biometric or fob access to secure areas. This is in part to protect the national shrine.
 - The floor of the church is in need of stripping and sealing. This can be done by either contracting the job or it can be done as a volunteer effort. Following short discussion it appears that the consensus is to have the work professionally done as this will protect the parish overall.
- Finance – Fr A asked that if anyone is aware of parishioner that might have an interest in serving on the Finance committee please contact RM as he is looking to recruit new members to serve.
- General updates –
 - It was recommended that we go back to having a monthly calendar insert into the bulletin (GL) as well as an updated calendar on the website (information to include committee meeting information).
 - The bulletin needs to be updated with corrected information regarding the parish council and include upcoming meeting information to allow transparency.
Fr. A to follow-up to ensure that bulletin is updated with accurate contact information and a list of the parish council members.
 - *Fr. A will investigate the possibility of advertising in the bulletin as is done by other parishes.*
 - It was also recommended that the social media information be included and visible in the bulletin and on the website.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Schedule

- March 1 at 6:30 at the Dominican Spirituality Center (St. Agnes Academy/St. Dominic School campus) *Fr. A to confirm availability*
- May 10 – time and location to be determined, but possible “end of year” bbq at a members home



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- Retreat in August – half day – date and location to be discussed and determined at March meeting
- September 13 – 6:30 location to be determined (Church or Spirituality Center)
- November 18 – Location to be determined, but possibly a restaurant or bar