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## **Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting: October 17th, 2013 7:00pm church basement

### **Minutes**

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Father Leo led the council in prayer.
- III. **Secretary's Report**
  - a. Roll call was taken:
    1. **Council Members in Attendance:** Father Leo, Juanita Beauchamp, Mitch Czech, Paul Gapinski, Teresa Janson, David Lieser, Tina Peschl, Doug Roehl and Rich Zimmer.
    2. **Council Members Absent:** Joe Knappek, Rhonda Stay and Chad Thorsten
    3. **Others Present:** Kevin Szafranski, Custodian
  - b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes- Motion by David L., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa J., motion passed
  - c. Approval of Agenda-Motion by Teresa J., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tina P., motion passed
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. **Cemetery Ribbons**-Paul G. mentioned that he has 2 bids for the concrete & ribbons since Kasella was too busy. He received bids from John Rudnitski and Brad Hageman (cement truck). The parish would be responsible for the ribbons. The bid went to John. He had mentioned having the work done last week, but with the rain it did not get done. He will put concrete up to the church so we do not have water coming into the basement. Kevin S. mentioned that we have 5 spots for burial right now that are marked. We will have 47 plots per ribbon.
  - b. **Fundraising for the Parish Center**-Paul G. mentioned that more letters will be sent out. Paul mentioned that we should talk in front of the church before sending out the second round of letters. Tina p. mentioned that other churches mention every week how things are going. Father Leo mentioned that we need to get the sign out. Paul said that with pledges & promissory pledges we have around \$176,121.00. Jan is keeping track of all the donations, etc. Tina P. asked if a person could put any amount, like \$20 for a pledge for the parish center. She was told yes. Father Leo said that a bulk of the money for the parish center is in the Diocese and some in the bank. We get a better interest rate through the Diocese. Once we get big amounts of money we will send money to the Diocese. Tina P. asked if we could put a basket out at every mass. There was some discussion of maybe limiting it to maybe once a month.

Paul asked if we should get letters out? Kevin mentioned that we need to remind people. Maybe mention something around Thanksgiving/Christmas time. Tina P. said maybe we could see if families would give towards the parish center instead of buying gifts for Christmas. Tina P. asked if people that donate get their names on anything.

Paul mentioned that there would be a recognition plaque. Father Leo mentioned that it was a bad idea to have plaques for show. Teresa asked if we have envelopes that we could put in the back of church for donations. Father Leo mentioned that we could put envelopes in the back and David L. suggested envelopes in the book holders.

Paul G. said that we need to have someone go and talk in front of church. Tina P. said we could have the lector talk about it. Mitch asked if Tina P. could talk about the fundraising in front of church. Paul G. & Tina P. will get something together and Tina will talk. Paul will contact everyone to stuff envelopes.

- c. **Fuel for the school**-Kevin S. mentioned that 4,000 gallons of fuel is needed for the school. Eggen has fuel for \$3.17 a gallon. Kevin said that he turns on the heat for Wednesday night religion. He also mentioned that if you get a semi-load at a time it is cheaper. Doug R. asked how long the fuel last. Kevin said it last around a season and a half. Kevin said the boiler is good.

## V. New Business

- a. **Tri-Parish Brunch**- Mitch mentioned someone was upset that we were charging for the brunch. Father Leo mentioned that there was a free will offering. He did not know how much was donated.
- b. **Move sign to the other side of the church**-Kevin S. said that the signs with the mass schedule and the parish office sign need to be moved. There has been some confusion on where to go. Kevin said that the signs need to be moved closer to the school. Father Leo mentioned that the signs are invisible. He said we can move the signs. David L. talked about the sign by the Grotto. Mitch C. and Kevin S. will work on the sign.
- c. **Building Committee-Pledge Cards**- Paul G. will contact everyone when ready to put cards/envelopes together for mailing out. Tina P. will speak in front of church on the parish center.

## VI. Reports

- a. **Financial Committee**-Looked at handout. Mitch had a question about the building account. Most was paid to Kostreba's for repairs.
- b. **Building Committee**-Paul said that the church had received an insurance check to help cover some of the cost for the repairs. Father asked if we are close to replacing the plaster. Kostreba's cost was \$13,000.00. Kevin mentioned that the state inspected the water system and the insurance company came out to inspect; they come out every three years. The state inspector wants a cap on the well we are not using lifted and a float. Insurance said we had minor issues with the GFI's.

Paul brought up about the landing strip by the church. Father Leo would like this problem solved, he said the epoxy is failing. Paul mentioned that this would help, but also we would need to use dri-lock, strip it and spray it with foam. Father Leo mentioned about stripping it, sealing it from the top and insulate it on the bottom. Paul g. mentioned that Kostreba is still looking at what to do. Kostreba thinks he has the best stuff. We need to start fresh & grind everything if he cannot match. Doug Roehl suggested to start fresh. Father Leo suggested gluing Styrofoam and Paul he would like it stripped and to use glass board instead of sheetrock. Kevin said we will have to wait until spring, but we could insulate this fall. Paul G. mentioned there are a couple of other projects that are left.

- c. **Christian Women**-Teresa mentioned that the group is looking for a President and Vice-President. Tina P. mentioned she would probably do it. The by-laws for the Christian Women mention that Father Leo can appoint someone.
- d. **Knights of Columbus**-David L. mentioned that the group has their potato pancake dinner taking place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The workers has been filling up. There will also be a Halloween event for the kids.
- e. **Parish Nurse**-No report. Terri asked if something could be put into the bulletin that we are looking for a nurse to take blood pressures once a month or quarterly. Doug asked if we were looking for a LPN or RN.
- f. **St. John's Area School**-Mitch mentioned that the parish pays 2/3 of the \$4400 tuition, The pastor has to sign a "permission" slip for enrollment.

**VII. Concerns from Parishioners**-Doug R. asked if we will be getting confirmation back to the church. Father Leo mentioned that it is up to the Bishop. We will have to wait for him to decide. Concerns will be expressed. Paul G. asked about more involvement with the kids during mass. He wanted to know if we could have the young kids come up to the alter and put their money into the collection. Father Leo said he will try this next weekend. Tina P. asked if we could have some of the young people usher. Paul G. mentioned that the United Financial is looking for someone to chair the Turkey Bingo on November 24th. Tina P. mentioned to ask Jeremy Rudnitski and Doug R. suggested asking Sam Lieser since he helped with it last year. Doug R. will ask Sam.

**VIII. Questions & Comments**- Tina asked if we could get prayer cards. It was agreed upon to get the cards. Tina P. mentioned some concerns about a baptism. Doug R. asked Father Leo if he could mention last names when conducting baptisms. Father will if he can remember the names. Elections are coming up and Father mentioned that Rhonda, Joe and Chad times are up for serving on the council. They will all need to find 2 people by November 1<sup>st</sup> to run in their spots. Tina will touch base with Amy Marshik about a church fundraiser. Father Leo talked about Script Cards. Since starting to sell cards about a year ago the tri-parishes have made around \$7,000.00. Father Leo mentioned that only 5% of the parishoners have used this. Kevin asked if we could sell them

on Craigslist. Father Leo said we could, but then there could be issues with doing that. Teresa asked if there would be any insurance on it.

**IX. Next Meeting** will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**X. Adjournment** Doug R. made a motion and Tina P. seconded it. Motion passes

**XI. Closing Prayer**-Father Leo led the council in a prayer at 9:15 pm

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