

STS. PETER & PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 22nd, 2018 at 7pm

- I. Call to order: Father Leo called the meeting to order
- II. Opening Prayer: Father Leo led the council in the opening prayer
- III. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Roll Call: In attendance at the meeting on 2/22/18 were: Father Leo, Paul, Kevin, Rob, Heather, Danny, Pat, Jeremy Rudnitski, Carl Chapp, Brian, Rick Boeckman, Chad, Leonard and Elissa. Those not in attendance were Mitch and Ryan.
 - b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept and approve the last meetings minutes 11-14-17. The motion was made by Paul and 2nd by Kevin. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda with one addition to it. A1...election of officers will be added. The motion was made by Paul and 2nd by Danny. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Jeremy Rudnitski/Land Sale: Jeremy was in attendance tonight to discuss his disapproval of the decision to not sell the land that is out by the Northwest corner of the parking lot. He had approached the council in 2017 with the idea to purchase this chunk of land and put up 4 senior living units. The council had approved it but the finance committee turned down the idea. Jeremy thanked the council for listening and wanted the reasons to why the plan got turned down. Father Leo acknowledge reasons from the Finance committee. The Finance Committee doesn't see any reason to sell the land at this point in time. The land isn't costing us anything and once we sell it will be gone without being able to get it back. The parish could still utilize the land if we chose to. The Finance committee and council would need to approve the sale and then the Diocese would need to weigh in and approve. The Finance Committee said that the Diocese doesn't like to sell land that the church owns. The council thanked Jeremy for his idea and vision of the senior living. Father Leo and Paul both told Jeremy that if the land comes up for sale again they would let Jeremy know.

V. New Business:

A1. Election of Officers: We need to have the election of officers at tonight's meeting. President....Rob was nominated by Paul and 2nd by Heather. Motion carried

Vice President...Leonard was nominated by Kevin and 2nd by Danny. Motion carried

Secretary...Elissa was nominated by Paul and 2nd by Leonard. Motion carried

- a. New Council Members Welcome: The current council and Father Leo welcome Brian Lorenz, Chad Barthelemy and Ryan Brunn. Thank you for your upcoming service to the council and parish.
- b. Lawn Mower: Kevin is currently working on trading in the current mower or keeping it and purchasing a zero turn. Father Leo is in favor of keeping the lawn mower and attachments and purchasing a zero turn.
- c. Finance Committee/Land Sale: see old business
- d. Faith Formation: This year's faith formation is going well. Adult faith formation has started. More bible studies may be added. In May the confirmation candidates will have the opportunity to go to a Lifeline Mass ran by NET Ministries.
- e. Shrimp Boil: We served around 280 people. The night went well. We addressed one customers concerns. We need to watch the new microwave and overcooking the beans. We will have one more on Friday, March 23rd.
- f. 2018 Raffle: The 2018 calendar raffle did well. The raffle didn't do as great as the last few years. Ticket sales are down. We discussed the timing of the raffle and when tickets go out. It would be nice to get the tickets out sooner but don't want to wait for 3-4 months before a deadline date is in, people will lose them or forget about them.
- g. Review of the Council By-Laws: At the November 14th, 2017 meeting, the parish council reviewed and amended the pastoral council by-laws. This is recommended to be done every few years. A motion was made to approve the amended By-Laws of the Constitution of the Sts. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council. The motion was made by Leonard and 2nd by Danny. Motion carried. The By-Laws are available if anyone would need or want to see them

- h. Cemetery Plots: There is a request to purchase several cemetery plots out of order. The plots are typically used and sold in order numerically, unless there is a request to be near a family member that is already deceased. Father has the authority to approve this as well as the cemetery committee. The selling of out of order plots needs to make sense and will be sold so they are near a family member not a favorite tree in the cemetery. There still needs to be some rhyme and reason so things line up and more forward accordingly.
- i. Financial Stewardship: This was brought up tonight because it seems like we are losing the young adults joining the church and contributing at mass. We need to start talking to younger adults we see that may not know that they need to rejoin church as an adult once they have graduated. The idea to send out a letter to those young adults/families that may have graduated to invite and remind them to rejoin.

This thought and discussion will be brought up with the confirmation students going forward.

We also discussed how many people no longer carry cash or check with them anymore and the possibility of setting up automatic withdrawal accounts.

- j. Update on Parish Center: The Building Committee has met and started the discussion on the beginning plans of the parish center. We need to hire an architect/engineer to help with the structural and mechanical drawings of the building. The architect fee will be roughly around \$10,000-\$12,000. The Building Committee is getting a bid from a reputable architect. They will report to the council how they will move forward. We discussed moving the kitchen from the back of the building to the front of the building for a few reasons. We talked about future plans on being able to have a patio and patio furniture out the back of the parish center. We may have to put in a sprinkler system, we will look at all of our options. As we begin the process of plans, bids and approval by the diocese, funding and all of the pieces that go into this, our time line is to start the actual building Spring of 2019. Once the plans are complete we can present this to the diocese for final approval. We have roughly \$284,500 in funds for the parish center, another \$30,000 in pledges.

VI. Reports:

- a. Financial Committee: We discussed the land sale at the beginning of the meeting. Rick Boeckman was in attendance and talked about what the finance committee does. It was very nice to have him there, he answered some of the questions we had. We talked about revising the financial committee members. The council thinks Heather Juetten would be asset to the committee. Rick is going to look more into the rules on how to add someone to the council. There should always be a current council member on the Financial Committee.
- b. Building Committee: Please see minutes under Update on the Parish Center.
- c. Christian Women: They have a busy month of March coming up. They are assisting with the Creamery Meeting and at the Little Falls Deanery on March 13th.
- d. Knights of Columbus: They just had their Pork Chop Bingo and it was successful. They will be having their annual 4 wheeler raffle during Gilman Days 2018. They have a fishing trip coming up in June. The Knights are always looking for new members and ideas of things to do or fundraisers.
- e. Parish Nurse: nothing brought forward
- f. St. John's Area School: They just had a skiing trip, Father Leo attended. They have an upcoming Soup fest and Garage Sale. Brian L. brought up that we need to communicate with people about St. John's school and the options that are there for schooling.

VII. Concerns from Parishioners: The Flag in the Cemetery and what's the next step. We discussed putting up a memorial monument and bench, maybe the idea of 2 benches. We talked about ideas on the memorial, picture of rifle and helmet, soldier kneeling. There is roughly \$2,000 that is left in the Flag/memorial fund that need to be spent. The goal is to finish this project in the spring.

Bus Garage...Kevin would like to get rid of the desks that are out in the bus garage. There are a bunch out there. Kevin will work on getting them ready to sell. He will let the council know what he need helps with.

VIII. Questions & Comments:

IX. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at 7:30pm

- X. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Brian and 2nd by Danny. Motion Carried
- XI. Closing Prayer: Father Leo led the council in the Our Father.