

St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

April 27, 2011

Present: Father Karl, Susan Beaty, Donna Haarman, Jim Nurrenbern, John Neudecker, Kay Neudecker, Pat Smith, Jennifer Brady, Mike Pezold, Barb middaugh, Mary Otting, Mike West, and Joe Zimmerman

Absent: Jennifer Brady and Carolyn Risch

The meeting was called to order following an opening prayer and reflection on the weekend Gospel led by Father Karl.

The March, 2011 Parish Council meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Commission Reports:

Administration Commission: Mary Otting was present to discuss the content of the report. We will need a Chairman for the Fall Festival Jim Nurrenbern and Sue Beaty took action to find a Fall Festival Chairperson by the May Parish Council meeting. May Fling ticket sales are currently in progress.

Religious Education: Kay Neudecker was present to provide details of the report. Kay reported that Mr. Shannon Cerneka has been hired as the St. Peter Middle School and High School youth Coordinator. Among others, responsibilities include religious and music education for St. Peter School middle school age children. Shannon's employment at St. Peter will be funded by a grant for the Jefferson City Diocese for this year. Funds for 2012 will come from a college fundraiser. Shannon will work approximately 15 hrs per week. Ten hrs per week for youth activities and five hrs per week for our Parish school.

Social Concerns: The K of C again host the food booth at the Fulton Street Festival this summer. The festival this summer is scheduled for 6/17/11 and 6/18/11. There was no additional discussion on the content of this Commission report.

Worship and Spiritual Development: The report this month was submitted in advance by Carolyn Risch. We are exploring the possibility of getting new Missals for the church and going in with neighboring Parishes in an effort to reduce costs by buying in larger quantities. This issue is currently being evaluated.

School Board Report: Donna Haarman was present to provide the report. Lori Pezold and Albert Hosenfelt are the newest School Advisory Board members. Donna reported contracts are in place for all of the Teachers for the 2011-2012 school year. St. Peter School recognized eight of our own seventh and eighth grade students for admission into the Junior National Honor Society. The Junior National Honor Society students

accompanied several local retirement center residents on a field trip to the St. Louis Zoo on 4/26/11.

We are in the process of collecting information allowing for the installation of a gas shutoff feature on the stove in the kitchen. We all know the stove is quite dated and while it works good it also lacks efficiency as all the pilot lights burn 24/7. The biggest concern arises when multiple pilot lights are blown out due to wind gusts through the exhaust fan. When this occurs the flow of gas continues through the affected pilot lights resulting in an occasional strong natural gas odor in the school and a potential safety concern.

Maintenance Report: The Renewing Our Father's House project is well underway following the completion of phases one and two. To this date \$24,520.00 has been pledged and \$18210.00 has been received. The next and final stage includes removal of the pews and installation of carpet. Following installation of the carpet, the pews will be replaced in the church. Support from volunteers has been a blessing allowing this project to be completed in a timely manner and at significant cost savings.

No other significant maintenance concerns were provided at this meeting.

Finance Report: Mike West and Joe Zimmerman were present to provide information and answer questions. Overall, cash flow is acceptable at this time. No checks are being held and bills are being paid as they are received. Mike and Joe reported that our checking account is currently in the black and we are hopeful that we will be able to pay our end of calendar year expenses without having to take out a short term loan from the Diocese. Mike, Joe, and the entire Finance Board wishes to thank the members of St. Peter Parish for their continued support. The budgeting process for the 2011-2012 calendar year is nearly complete.

Deanery Report: Pat Smith was present to provide details from the last meeting. Pat provided details of a new program sponsored by the Jefferson City Diocese referred to as Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri. The purpose of this new program is to provide new services to citizens in central and northern Missouri and not overlap with services that are already available through other agencies. The emphasis of this new program are Faith, Family, and Reaching Out. Services are currently scheduled to begin on 7/01/11. Additional details of this new program are available from the Parish Office or the Jefferson City website.

Pat provided preliminary details being developed by the Jefferson City Diocese regarding demographics in our Diocese. As the number of Priests in our Diocese declines and population centers shift, the Diocese plans to study these changes allowing for possible changes in staffing, mass schedules, and other changes not yet identified at various Parishes.

Old Business

Renewing Our Father's House was discussed above. No other Old Business was discussed.`

New Business

No New Business was identified at this meeting for discussion. The next meeting is Wednesday, 5/25/11 at 6:30 P.M.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted;

Jim Nurrenbern, Secretary