

St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

February 23, 2011

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

Absent: Mike Pezold, Carolyn Risch

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

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

Commission Reports:

Administration Commission: Mary Otting was present to discuss the content of the report. In the past month our financial position has improved. We now have a positive checkbook balance and cash flow continues in the black. The recent loan taken out to cover property insurance has been paid off. We plan to have enough balance in the checkbook to pay the next property insurance bill without having to take out another loan. The School Lunch Program still owes \$3200 to the general fund as this loan is being paid off. The budget process for fiscal year 2011-2012 has begun. The Parish Rummage Sale has been scheduled for July 28, 29, 30 2011. For the upcoming May Fling, among other items, the committee is considering adding a silent auction.

Religious Education Commission: Written report was submitted by Kay Neudecker. The recent Confirmation class retreat at Conception Abbey went very well. Abbey staff complemented the Fulton attendees on their commendable behavior.

Social Concerns Commission: Barb Middaugh was present to discuss the content of the report. There will be a Pro-Life, 40 Days for Life campaign beginning on 3/08/2011 with rally at Columbia, Mo Our Lady of Lourdes on Ash Wednesday, 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The essay contest is wrapping up. Judging is taking place now. A winner should be announced within a couple of weeks. Ladies Society will be hosting a luncheon retreat at the home of Judy and Joe Zimmerman on 5/25/11. The recent 'Newcomer' dinner organized by and hosted by Deb and Gary Czeschin was a success.

Worship and Spiritual Development: The Council reviewed the report submitted by Carolyn Risch. The Liturgical Planning Commission is finalizing plans for Lenten and Easter celebrations. We are currently short on Liturgical ministers for 5:30 and 11:00 masses. Health Care Ministries will be meeting in March to discuss better ways to reach out to the elderly of our Parish, especially those that live alone. Pat Smith is offering a

Lenten educational/discussion series at Mokane during the Thursdays of Lent. Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Peter of Fulton each Tuesday night, 6:30 PM.

Parish School Board: Donna Haarmann was present to provide a report. The Council was updated with regard to participation in the Federal School Lunch Program and mentioned that participation does impact the lunch menu. The elected terms for School Advisory Board members Debbie March and Donna Haarmann will be expiring this year. Their support has been greatly appreciated. An election for two new members will be conducted soon. The School will host a Chili Supper on 3/16/11. Attendees will get the chance to view student science projects that will be on display. For the 2011 – 2012 budget, the ECLC budget will be combined with the K-8 budget in an effort to consolidate the budgeting process. The 7/8 grade class won the ‘baby-bottle’ drive fundraiser and thus will be treated to a pizza luncheon.

Deanery Report: Pat Smith presented the details of the report. The Jefferson City Diocese Catholic Charities organization is currently becoming a reality. The goal of this charity is to assist the needy in ways that may not be available from other organizations. The plan is to minimize overlap with the services offered by other similar organizations. Information from the Parishes of the Jefferson City Diocese has been submitted to the Chancery office providing details of their Parish Pastoral Plans. A Hispanic ministry for the Jefferson City Diocese is being explored.

Old Business

Maintenance Report: The Council reviewed the items submitted by Deb Jacobson. No major items to report except that an exterior door overhang on the west side of the old cafeteria had been repaired.

Financial Report: Finance Board members Mike West and Joe Zimmerman were present to provide details of the financial report. As of 1/31/2011 year to date income is \$479,549.00 and year to date expenses are \$432,874.00. Therefore we have been able to pay off the property insurance loan and build a modest positive balance in the checkbook. Our loan balance is currently sitting at \$152,015.

New Business

Pitched roof over School/Roof: The possibility of placing a pitched roof over the School/Church is being explored to eliminate the complications that come with flat roofs. We are waiting on a bid from a Contractor before the next step of whether to proceed is taken.

Parish Pastoral Plan Updates: Each Parish Council member provided a brief update for the Parish Pastoral Plan item for which they are sponsoring. Below are the updates;

1. In concert with the upcoming changes in the Roman Missal, establish forums for education and discussion of liturgy and worship.

Jim Nurrenbern provided that St. Peter is working with the Chancery office in Jefferson City. Information from the Diocese is forthcoming that will be used to educate St. Peter Parish members of upcoming changes. One homily on the topic has already been provided at weekend masses. Information will be added to the Bulletin in the future, presentations will be made at a session at an upcoming Inter-generational Faith Formation setting, and material will be provided to students for PSR classes in the future.

2. Involve the students in weekend Mass monthly.

Jennifer Brady mentioned this is already taking place and will continue as students of St. Peter Parish school and students enrolled in PSR classes will be encouraged and engaged to participate at Masses in the future as a method to enhance participation.

3. Encourage young people to take a liturgical ministry role to enhance their understanding of the Mass at an earlier age.

Jim Nurrenbern provided this activity is being implemented as a part of item #2.

4. Provide the resources necessary to support a quality worship and liturgy program.

Mike Pezold was not present however the below report was provided with regard to plans to improve the appearance of the interior of our Church.

Renewing Our Father's House: Details of a newly developed three phase plan to improve the interior appearance of St. Peter Church was presented by Father Karl and Deacon John. Phase one includes re-painting the church interior, remove window cornices, upgrade church piano/organ, change altar area on the north end of the church. Phase two includes installation of new flooring under the pews and install new carpet. Estimated cost is \$11,500. Phase three includes re-finishing of pews, re-locate piano/organ to the rear of church, move baptismal font to the northwest corner of church, commission the painting of a mural on north wall of the church. Total cost of all three phases is estimated at \$30,000. These improvements will be performed with income that is over and above normal Parish donations and fundraisers. Work will be performed only as special donations are received that is earmarked for this project.

5. Educate the parish membership regarding the spiritual and scriptural aspects of stewardship.

Sue Beaty provided that Parish members have been engaged to develop this strategy. Two strategy members have helped with the children's envelope program.

6. Use the language 'be a good steward' regularly in school to help develop the spirit of stewardship within students.

Sue Beaty provided that school students have engaged in a 'reverse tithing' program for a fundraiser in which the majority of the profit is returned back to the church. Seventh/Eighth grade students repainted outdoor nativity figures for the Christmas season. For Lenten program, I am the vine you are the branches. Provides a visual display of good deeds.

7. Hold an annual Intergenerational Faith Formation (IFF) event with a stewardship theme.

Sue Beaty provided that beginning in September, 2010 stewardship will be included as a theme at IFF events for a period of one year.

8. Prepare the school children for the Sunday liturgy specifically so they can better understand the weekend Mass.
9. Continue the nine "Why Catholic" groups and make annual group changes to meet and match their needs.
10. Provide alternative programs to "Why Catholic" for those wishing a more in-depth discussion of faith, catechesis, and scripture.

Kay Neudecker mentioned that "Why Catholic" groups remain intact and are moving forward with additional sessions in the future. Group members are encouraged to provide a theme for session groupings and members are also encouraged to join additional groups or move to other groups as desired in an effort to heighten the "Why Catholic" experience.

11. Develop new and continue to use current means of parish communication: website, email, weekend bulletin, and bulletin boards.

Pat Smith mentioned Bulletin Boards in the back of church have been cleaned up and organized providing a better appearance and additional space allowing more room for new items to be posted. Use of electronic media in the communication of Parish meetings and various Parish information has increased through the addition of a Parish website that may be accessed by anybody with internet access. Use of other web media tools such as Facebook and Twitter are being explored.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jim Nurrenbern, Secretary