

St. Peter's Pastoral Council

December 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started at 7:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ginny Abel, Steve Browning, Alan Duke, Sandy Gordon, Robyn Jacobs, Deacon Jerry Jennings, Bob Lilly, Deacon John Martin, Kelly McGuire, Mary Rash, Lew Sherman, Patrick Tramma, and Fr. Jason Worley.

MEMBER ABSENT: Mary Nelabovige

Fr. Jason announced that Mary Nelabovige has resigned from the Pastoral Council due to work conflicts. Ginny Abel asked if anyone on the Council would like to take Mary's place on the Education Committee.

MINUTES: Lew Sherman moved to approve the minutes from the November pastoral council meeting, Patrick Tramma seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Steve Browning moved to approve the minutes from the Planning Day portion of the November meeting, Alan Duke seconded, and the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Fr. Jason announced that Anne Mason has tendered her resignation, as of December 31st, as Director of Elementary Education. George Brunner has been hired to take this position. George graduated from Mt. St. Mary's University.

The Council discussed the meeting that we had with the Bishop on November 21st. This meeting was one of many that the Bishop is making throughout the Diocese to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the parishes. St. Peter's will be receiving a report from the Bishop's office regarding his visit to our parish.

REVIEW OF "CALLED TO SERVE, GIFTED TO LEAD: THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – A document from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The Council discussed the purpose of the pastoral council and the transition from "parish council" to "parish pastoral council" (Slides #44-45).

The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the role and purpose of the pastoral council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications:

- Fr. Jason is actively looking for individuals to join the Communication Committee.
- Robyn Jacobs and Kelly McGuire volunteered to spear-head the search for people to join the Communications Committee. They will be placing an announcement in the parish bulletin.

Development:

- No report.

Education: No report.

Evangelization:

- "I'm Dreaming of a Catholic Christmas Book/CD Fair", by Ignatius Press, was held this past weekend and will be held again this coming weekend in the Narthex of the church.
- We have ordered 1,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's DVD, "Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality", to be given as a gift from Fr. Jason to our parishioners after the Christmas Masses.

Finance: No report

Liturgy: See report

- A Christmas Concert will be held on December 18th. There was an announcement in the parish bulletin as well as the Advent letter from Fr. Jason.
- Robyn Jacobs suggested that the pastoral council members wear name tags at the Masses so that parishioners know who we are. She is going to look into the procurement and cost of the name tags.
- Kelly McGuire suggested that the Liturgy Committee consider welcoming visitors to church by asking them to stand at Mass or possibly having everyone introduce themselves to those sitting next to them at the beginning of Mass.

Maintenance:

- Deacon John Martin asked about the deteriorating finish of the front door to the church.

Planning:

- Construction of the RCIA room in the church basement is finally underway and should be completed within a month +/- . Much thanks to Kevin Contardi and Phil Burr for their efforts and to several others who are volunteering and/or severely discounting materials and labor towards this project.

Social Concerns:

- Ginny Abel announced that three AED's have been purchased for the Parish Office Building, Sappington Hall, and Sullivan Hall.
- Bob Lilly offered his compliments to the Social Concerns Committee for their work over this past year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mary Rash wanted everyone to know that Wegman's was extremely generous with donations to the Wounded Warrior Dinner at St. Michael's Parish and the Christmas in the Country dinner here at St. Peter's.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

A couple from our parish has forwarded an email to Fr. Jason and Ginny Abel regarding their concern about the various activities that are taking place in the Narthex. It was suggested that everyone prayerfully consider this issue over the next few weeks. The pastoral council will discuss this at length at our next meeting on January 3rd.

Patrick Tramma ended the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Sandy Gordon.

Parish Mission Statement (rev. 3/05)

We the people of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Community are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to grow in faith, celebrate hope, and experience His loving presence in our midst. Drawing our life from the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to follow God's Word by supporting one another, continuing our faith formation, promoting social justice, reaching out in service, and inviting others to share in our journey.