St. Peter’s Pastoral Council Meeting

February 27, 2020

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| Fr. LeRoy Scheierl | Present | Ione Jacobs | Present |
| Diane Schmitz | Absent | Paula Tholl | Absent |
| Joyce Kron | Present | Troy Cagle | Absent |
| Deb Dusich | Present | MaryDee Sandey | Present |
| Jason Schindler | Present | Michele Olmscheid | Absent |
| Lynn Imholte  (Trustee) | Present | Mike Woods  (Trustee) | Absent |

Others Present: Jean Schmitz

**Opening**: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jason Schindler.

**Approval of Agenda**: The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**: Minutes from the 10/19/19 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Committee Reports**:

1. **Finance Committee** (presented by Jean Schmitz): Our total street assessment for 2019-2020 is $244,321. In addition, the roof repair cost is $36,528 for a grand total of $280,849. The Finance Committee decided to draw funds from these parish accounts:

$120,000 Maintenance

$ 10,677 Insurance

$ 39,952 General Checking

$ 13,317 January 2019 assessment (previously paid)

$ 61,000 Unrestricted Bequests

$ 35,953 Additional Facilities Fund (rental income from Tri-Valley)

**$280,849 TOTAL**

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we are able to pay the whole assessment with these funds. Thank you!

Our year-to-date income is above budget. Hopefully this trend with continue as the year progresses.

1. **Liturgy Committee** (presented by Fr. LeRoy): Attendance was good at the Ash Wednesday service. Holy Week masses are scheduled as follows:

Holy Thursday—7 p.m. at St. Paul’s

Good Friday—afternoon service at St. Paul’s and evening service at St. Peter’s

Holy Saturday—8 p.m. at St. Peter’s followed by a social gathering

Easter Sunday—8:30 a.m. at St. Peters, 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s

A council member brought forth a request she received to consider having a late Saturday evening mass at one of the churches in the St. Cloud area. Currently none of the area churches have a mass on Saturday later than 5 p.m.

NOTE: Paula Gottwalt was not available for the meeting but submitted the following information after the meeting that is included in the minutes.

* ACC Masses: Liturgists from the four parishes agreed that the hosting parish will plan and lead music for shared services. Singers from each parish will be invited to participate

When the weekend mass schedule is established, the liturgists need a two month notice for planning and coordination.

* Dinner Theater: The production of *Sister Act* was a success. We continue to have a wide range of ages involved in the production including youth serving the meals.

1. **Maintenance Committee** (presented by Fr. LeRoy): The committee has not met recently. The plan is to solicit some new committee members and meet in the near future.
2. **Gather Us In-Rebuilt/Stewardship** (presented by Lynn Imholte):

Fr. LeRoy and Fr. Timothy will be hosting a discussion on Bishop Robert Barron’s book, ***Letter to a Suffering Church***. The book addresses both the sad reality of the sexual abuse crisis within the church in past years and how we as Catholics can correct these abuses, remain faithful to the church, and be better Catholic Christians for it. The book is available at each of our churches. The meeting will be held on March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s.

Throughout Lent a 4-part DVD series entitled “Catholicism” will be presented. This is an inspiring video series on our Catholic faith that can truly inspire and deepen our faith commitment and life in Jesus Christ. One part will be presented each week as follows:

March 7 & 8 – after all weekend masses

Starting March 10—after Tuesday and Wednesday morning masses

Starting March 11—Faith Formation classes

Starting March 5—Reflections at the Regency

1. **Parish Life/Outreach** (reported by Deb Dusich):

40 Days for Life is running currently.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a fundraiser to help purchase an ultrasound machine for Birthline

The Saintly Stitchers quilting group will start up tomorrow. They were displaced for the last six months due to the flooding and related repairs. The group will be sharing a room with a Faith Formation class.

**Old Business**:

1. **Update on Street Improvements/Parish Assessment**: The work has been completed. We received a statement for phase 2 indicating our assessment is $191,052.
2. **Update on Area Catholic Communities (St. Peter, St. Paul. St. Michael, St. Joseph)**: To date the committee has selected a name and a logo. The combined bulletin was introduced a few weeks ago. The group is now working to select a mass schedule and develop one combined web site.

**New Business**:

1. **Update of Faith Formation and Tri-Valley**: Faith Formation is going well. First reconciliation has been completed and preparations are underway for first communion and confirmation.

Tri-Valley children have returned. They are renting an additional room and would like another one but we have no more room for them to further expand.

1. **Update of Diocesan Reorganization**: Fr. LeRoy and Fr. Timothy have been appointed by the Bishop to represent the parishes in the Diocese regarding the sexual misconduct charges that have been levied against the Diocese. Settlement payments will come from three sources in this order:

Insurance

Diocesan funds

Individual parishes (named parishes will be assessed a larger amount—both St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s have been named in the lawsuits)

The Diocese will attempt to receive a Channeling Injunction that will provide legal protection against new allegations from past acts of sexual abuse.

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**Calendar of Events**:

* Fish fries at several parishes during Lent
* 5/2/2—For Pete’s Sake fundraiser

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting** is a joint meeting with all four parishes at 6:30 p.m. on March 17 at St. Michael’s.

Submitted by Joyce Kron