St. Peter’s Pastoral Council Meeting

October 19, 2019

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| Fr. LeRoy Scheierl | Absent | Ione Jacobs | Present |
| Diane Schmitz | Present | Paula Tholl | Present |
| Joyce Kron | Present | Troy Cagle | Absent |
| Deb Dusich | Present | MaryDee Sandey | Present |
| Jason Schindler | Absent | Michele Olmscheid | Present |
| 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 Lynn Imholte who led us with an opening prayer.

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes**: Minutes from the 5/16/19 meeting were approved as submitted. There was discussion about whether this group was to approve the joint meeting minutes from 8/22/19. This issue will be discussed at the next joint Council meeting.

**Welcome** to our new members who are attending their first St. Peter’s Council meeting—Diane Schmitz, Deb Dusich, and MaryDee Sandey.

**Committee Reports**:

1. **Finance Committee** (presented by Jean Schmitz): Our year-to-date income is approximately $14,000 below our year-to-date expenses due to a decline in income and an increase in expenses (unexpected building repairs and camera work in the drainage pipes to see if there was a blockage or break).

A number of individuals are sending their IRA distributions directly to the church which often means an annual donation is recorded the week the checks are received

The Finance Committee has agreed on plans for paying the street assessment due in January, the repairs made to the building, and the expenses of redirecting of the water from the roof to the outside of the building instead of under it. A more detailed article will included be in the bulletin.

1. **Liturgy Committee**: No report
2. **Maintenance Committee** (presented by MaryDee Sandey): We continue to work with various contractors to repair the significant damage from rain that entered the building through the floor during recent weeks. Weidner Plumbing will be removing the flexible drain pipes with Donlar Construction filling the holes left by the pipes. All of this will take place after the City of St Cloud Building Inspector approves.

The Art and Soul group donated $200 to purchase a tractor brush and a trailer.

1. **Gather Us In-Rebuilt/Stewardship** (presented by Lynn Imholte): Experience from previous programs indicate DVDs and small groups are received the best. Paula Tholl announced the program *The Eucharist in Scripture,* presented by Scott Hahn, will begin in January with sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

5. **Parish Life/Outreach** (reported by Deb Dusich): The Church of the Week committee is enlisting volunteers for November 11 through November 24 when we host the homeless at St. Peter’s. Committee members toured Place of Hope, which is now open all day. Previously individuals had to be out by 9 a.m. The new schedule is useful in that mental health and other services can be provided to people who need the help.

**Old Business**:

1. **Update on Street Improvements/Parish Assessment**: The work is nearing completion. The letter that went out to parishioners several weeks ago resulted in $70,000 in donations through September. Thank you to all who generously donated to the fund.

**New Business**:

1. **Update on Area Catholic Communities (St. Peter, St. Paul. St. Michael, St. Joseph)**: The name “Together as One” Area Catholic Community was selected. A graphic designer will submit three logo designs from which each parish will vote to select the new logo. Mass schedules were discussed but no decision was reached. The company LPI will be updating our web sites and bulletins into one site and one bulletin.

**Calendar of Events**:

* Church of the Week, November 11-24
* Bingo sponsored by Art and Soul, November 15
* Advent Choir Concert, December 14
* Dinner Theatre, *Sister Act*, February

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**: The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

**Next Meeting** is a joint meeting on November 21.

Submitted by Joyce Kron