

St. Peter Claver Parish Council

Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2009

Call to Order by Diane Wilcenski at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer Service: Mary Murphy
Reading of Mission Statement

Roll Call: Deacon Mike Burch, Jim Bahar, Sr. Marilyn Brodd, Nancy Buss, Barbara Caan, Jeffrey Freye, Jo Anne Hayon, John Kittelson, Mary Murphy, Bill Portz, Ken Ristow, Mike Swigert, Diane Wilcenski, Vue Yang
Absent: Tim George, Joanne Richter and Marilyn Risberg

Approval of October council minutes – approved by consensus
Approval of Agenda – approved by consensus

Announcement/Discussion Items:

CCA update – John Kittelson – The City did not issue an occupancy permit for the addition because it requires the garbage dumpsters to be in an enclosure. This item was overlooked in the quotes. CCA has been granted an extension to complete this requirement. This would require a concrete base, wood enclosure with large doors to obtain access by the truck. The approximate cost was \$4000 to \$8500. SPC Finance Commission agreed to help CCA with a fundraiser but not to give additional funds beyond our original commitment. The deadline for completion of this project is mid 2010.

Parish Retreats – Deacon Mike – A group met November 4th for a planning session for the parish retreat scheduled for February 25-27, 2010. We have volunteers for many of the duties. Information will be presented to the parish soon. The suggested cost is \$20/person, limited to 30 participants.

Tri-Parish Council/Staff Retreat – The retreat will be held March 13, 2010. There was discussion on the theme and presiders.

The Parish Council December meeting will be Monday, **December 21st**. Council members are asked to bring a treat or appetizer to share.

Action Items:

Commission Reports –

Human Concerns – Jo Anne Hayon – The Heifer Project Arks will be handed out this coming weekend. Jo Anne will check if more cards are available for the Giving Tree.

Finance – Nancy Buss – They discussed the request from CCA. The Archdiocese requires parishes with \$500,000 in giving to have an annual audit at an approximate cost of \$5,000.

Buildings and Grounds – Mike Swigert – They discussed ways to save money such as energy efficient light bulbs, buying salt in bulk. We had another leak in one area of the church and they discussed ways to deflect falling ice from the roof. The tuck pointing is done. Painting will be done in the spring.

Hmong Commission – Diane Wilcenski – Hmong New Year is this coming weekend. The youth are selling egg rolls which will be available December 12-13. Adult faith formation is Sunday, December 6.

Activities and Communications – Sr. Marilyn – They are in urgent need of commission members. They originally thought of doing a spaghetti supper but ran into scheduling conflicts.

Pastoral Staff – Deacon Mike – The Septemberfest Committee will hold a brat fry in January.

Parishioner/Visitor Input – Someone asked if it would be possible to provide hand sanitizer in the pews for parishioner use prior to holding hands and offering the Sign of Peace. Also why don't the priests use the sanitizer as the other distributors do? Someone asked about the sweet bread that was used for communion on special occasions; why don't we do that anymore?

Deacon Mike's Renewal – Deacon Mike left the meeting while the Council completed and discussed a performance questionnaire. Diane will review this with Deacon Mike.

Agenda Requests for December: Volunteer coffee and donuts, Youth Minister update

Closing Prayer: Our Father

Next Meeting: **December 21, 2009. Bring a treat to share**

Opening Prayer – Marilyn Risberg

Closing Prayer – Jo Anne Hayon

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Murphy