

## St. Peter Claver Parish Council

### Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2009

Call to Order by Diane Wilcenski at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer Service: Jim Bahar  
Reading of Mission Statement

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

**Absent:** Bill Portz and Ken Ristow

Approval of September council minutes – approved by consensus

Approval of Agenda – approved by consensus with the addition of Family in Need.

#### **Announcement/Discussion Items:**

Faith in Our Future update – Deacon Mike – The parish received another payment of over \$30,000 from the Archdiocese this past week.

Building Project update – No report.

Annual Financial Report & Stewardship mailing & Homily – Deacon Mike – The cover letter for the Stewardship mailing and the Financial Statement that will be sent to the parishioners were supplied to Council for review and to help answer any questions. It challenges parishioners to respond to the Need to Give. Deacon Mike's homily to be given before the mailing goes out will reiterate some thoughts contained in the letter. Discussion followed.

Parish Retreats – Deacon Mike – The Archdiocese encourages parishes to have Parish retreats with the theme "Christ Have Mercy". Several members of Council and parish staff attended a workshop educating them on the planning, presentation, etc. They feel this is something missing in the parishes. A tentative date for this retreat is February 25-27, 2010.

Tri-Parish Retreat – Nancy Buss suggested holding the retreat at Room 816 available at the Weill Center at 816 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheboygan. March 13<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the date, with February 20<sup>th</sup> as an alternate. Diane will contact IC/SSCM with the dates.

CCA update – John Kittelson – They have built 45 cubbies for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades for under \$200. A few other minor items still need attention. Some stain glass pieces from the SPC school building may be put in some areas of CCA school.

Nancy Buss reported that the Tri-Parish Trustees met with the CCA Finance Committee. The parishes proposed cutting the parish subsidy to CCA by 10%. CCA had put together a rough budget with the drop in subsidy. Tuition may need to increase.

Suggestions for Goals for the Tri-Parish Ad-Hoc 2015 – Some suggestions were presenting a united front regarding CCA school support and the need and financial support for the Youth Minister. A date for the meeting has not been set.

Family in Need – Deacon Mike – The parish is often approached by organizations requesting information on families or individuals in need. Council members are asked to keep an open ear of possible candidates. Names and specific needs can be given anonymously. Pass any information along to Deacon Mike as soon as possible.

**Action Items:**

Commission Reports –

Personnel – Mary Murphy – Worked on an outline and questionnaire to be used for the one-on-one staff meetings to be held this year.

Human Concerns – Jo Anne Hayon – The Giving Tree recipients will be obtained through St. Vincent de Paul. They reviewed the 5-year strategic plan and some areas have not been met. The Grieving Committee has found a new chair. They are making prayer shawls.

Finance – Nancy Buss – They discussed ways to lower some of the budget figures and they discussed the Outreach funds.

Spiritual Life and Worship – Marilyn Risberg – April 17-18 is Family Recommitment Weekend. Deacon Rich reported that the Archdiocese asked parishes to hold holy hour on the eve of Roe vs. Wade. We will hold “Prayer for Life” on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship – Jim Bahar – The Treasure Appeal will be sent November 9<sup>th</sup>. Vue will witness the weekend of November 14-15. Commitment Weekend is November 21-22.

Hmong Commission – Diane Wilcenski – Asian Unity Day is November 15. Deacon Rich will bless their homes during Hmong New Year if they register. The blessing of egg and rice will be done on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30 am. The youth will be selling egg rolls December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pastoral Staff – Deacon Mike – Vue Yang will receive the Vatican II Award for his service in Hmong radio communications. Deacon Mike and several priests met with Christian High to discuss having a Catholic presence in the school, such as teaching theology. This is in the early discussion stages, but dialog has started.

Parishioner/Visitor Input – Some questioned how Septemberfest did financially this year. This will be published soon. There was a question on babysitting during Masses. The Baptismal Tree is filling up which is good to see.

Coffee & Donuts – Commitment Weekend which is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tim George and Mary Murphy will be representing Council.

Closing Prayer: Nancy Buss

Next Meeting: November 23, 2009; Opening Prayer – Mary Murphy; Closing Prayer – Tim George

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Murphy