

St. Peter Claver Parish Council
Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 24, 2011

Call to Order by Diane Wilcenski at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer: Barb Caan

Reading of Mission Statement

Roll Call: Deacon Mike Burch, Jim Bahar, Nancy Buss, Barbara Caan, Jeff Freye, Peter Molitor, Ken Ristow, Mike Swigert, Diane Wilcenski, Vue Yang.

Approval of August council minutes – Approved by consensus after a few corrections.

Approval of Agenda – Approved by consensus.

Announcement/Discussion Items:

Faith in Our Future/Building Project update – Deacon Mike – We received the proxy from the Archbishop allowing us to borrow up to \$200,000 from Wells Fargo bank. Progress continues on the building project with an anticipated date of completion on December 15th.

Vision XXI Update –Diane Wilcenski- The parishioner input meetings after each Mass at each of the parishes was poorly attended. At the following week's debriefing meeting, council members reported on any concerns brought forth by parishioners who attended the meetings. None of the concerns mentioned necessitated any changes in the Vision XXI draft and Diane will now be sending this draft on to the Archbishop for approval. The questions and concerns brought to the attention of the committee will be addressed and the questions and answers will be inserted into an upcoming bulletin. In the upcoming months the Tri-Parish Council will meet to set a timeline for meeting the goals set forth in the Vision XXI document. We will also request committee rosters from each of the three parishes in anticipation of the combining of committees.

Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee – Mike Swigert- A Christmas Cookie fundraiser is being organized by Mary Tepas and Julie Richter. Orders will be taken in November with December pickup. **Since this meeting, this fundraiser was canceled due to many other fundraisers being run at this time.

Constitution/Bylaws Revisions-Constitution/Bylaws Committee-

Council members presented updated Bylaws to their liaison commissions for approval. All committees reported approval of any changes. The final voting on the Bylaws will be done at the November 28th meeting. The Constitution was approved by consensus. Next step in the process is to make copies available to parishioners. Hard copies of the Constitution will be at church entrances and also on our website. Announcements will be put in the November 5-6 bulletin requesting parishioners to read over the constitution and then vote on it after each of the November 12-13 masses. Ken Ristow will create the ballot.

** Since this meeting, the Parish Council agreed by consensus that it would be best to wait on the constitution until the Tri-Parish constitution is developed.

Council Position Vacancy Replacement- Deacon Mike- Hayley Burkart was approved by the council as a new member. She will serve as a liaison to the Spiritual Life and Worship committee.

Dioceses' District 9 Meeting Report- Ken Ristow- Representatives from each of the District 9 parishes met and discussed the special populations within our parishes. Each of these populations should be represented at the upcoming May 5th, Focus on Evangelization meeting. The three dimensions of evangelization in our parishes

that were discussed include; personal renewal and growth, bringing Catholics back to the “fold”, and expanding membership base.

Action Items:

Commission Reports –

Building and Grounds- Mike Swigert- Members toured progress made on building project. The project at this point is under budget by \$4000. The new garage was approved and work has begun. Kohler has donated fixtures and Quasius has donated the garage slab.

Finance – Nancy Buss – Committee met and reviewed the Financial Report that was placed in the bulletin. In regards to the parish request for parishioner loans for our building project, as of this time, one parishioner has offered to loan the parish \$25,000. On January 1st, Mike Thill will take over the chairperson role for the Finance Committee.

Personnel – Pete Molitor – One new member, Tom Caan, joined committee. New members are still being recruited. A representative from IC was in attendance at the last meeting to learn about the goals and functioning of this committee for future collaboration in forming one Tri-Parish committee.

Activities- Barb Caan- A January gathering is being planned to celebrate the completion of our building project. Dates and details will be forthcoming.

Human Concerns – Vue Yang – Discussed the ending of the Outreach funding process and the future Tri-Parish committee determining new funding process.

*Stewardship-*Jim Bahar- The Stewardship of Treasure Commitment weekend is November 12-13.

Hmong Committee- Diane Wilcenski- Egg Roll Sale will be conducted in November. Dates for ordering and pickup will be forthcoming. There was discussion of a new training program for individuals seeking to become Catholic.

CCA Governance Board- Ken Ristow- Hot lunch program will now be supplied by Kohler school system. The Day Care is up and running. This year Winter Extravaganza will be moved to a new venue, Blue Harbor Resort. There was discussion of a new gym in the future. Financially, CCA is on budget for the year.

Pastoral Staff – Deacon Mike- No report.

Parishioner/Visitor Input

*A parishioner expressed a desire that the classical choir sing more classical music.

Upcoming Coffee & Donuts –November 20th for the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of St. Vincent de Paul at SPC

Volunteer Social Date set for February 19th.

Closing Prayer: Ken Ristow

Next Meeting: November 28, 2011

Opening Prayer – Jeff F. Closing Prayer – Peter Molitor

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Caan

APPROVED BY COUNCIL