

St. Peter Claver Parish Council
Meeting Minutes – September, 26, 2011

Call to Order by Diane Wilcenski at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer: Ken Ristow

Reading of Mission Statement

Roll Call: Deacon Mike Burch, Jim Bahar, Nancy Buss, Barbara Caan, Peter Molitor, Ken Ristow, Mike Swigert, Diane Wilcenski, Vue Yang. **Not Present:** ---

Approval of August council minutes – Approved by consensus after a few minor changes in phrasing.
Approval of Agenda – Approved by consensus with the addition of Council Member resignation.

Announcement/Discussion Items:

Faith in Our Future/Building Project update – Deacon Mike – Progress is being made with challenges being overcome along the way.

Vision XXI Update –Diane Wilcenski- Bulletin inserts of the Ministry Plan summary was distributed and is scheduled to be placed into bulletins the weekend of October 1-2. Parishioner input sessions are being planned for October 8-9. Council members from each of the three parishes will be present at each weekend mass at St. Peter Claver, IC and SSCM. We will have a preparation meeting on Monday, October 3, 5:30 at SPC to review the Ministry Plan and ensure that council members are prepared for any questions that may arise.

Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee – Mike Swigert- No meeting to report.

Evangelization Discussion- Ken Ristow- Ken brought to the council questions that the Archbishop would like us to discuss concerning evangelization activities. The following questions were discussed and Ken Ristow recorded council members' responses to bring back to the Archbishop.

Over the last five years, what evangelization activities have taken place at SPC?

What was the effectiveness of these activities?

Are there particular groups that we have focused our evangelization efforts on?

Is there a church member that we can send to attend a future Archdiocesan evangelization meeting?

Deacon Mike shared a new series on PBS entitled “Catholicism” presented by Fr. Robert Barron. Deacon Mike encouraged council members to borrow and view all or part of the 10 session DVD series.

The series encourages sharing of our Catholic faith in an interactive way. During the upcoming Lent season we are hoping to offer some programs to parishioners based on this series.

Constitution/Bylaws Revisions-Constitution/Bylaws Committee-

Ken Ristow will send out to members an updated constitution to be reviewed and voted on at October meeting. We discussed wording changes made to the Bylaws by the committee to reflect the reduction in number of council members. Each council member needs to present updated Bylaws to their liaison commission for approval before a final vote is taken in November.

Future Events-

Deacon Mike reported that Dean Daniels from the office of prayer and Worship will be giving two presentations in District 9 on the language changes in the Liturgy. He will be at St. Clement on Friday, November 11, at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, November 12, at 10:00 am at St John the Baptist in Plymouth.

Fr. Cerpich's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be on May 6th

Council Member Resignation- Deacon Mike- A letter was received by council member, Tim George, resigning from council due to a job conflict. His resignation was accepted and his past service appreciated. The council discussed potential church members who might be willing to fill the opening on parish council. Diane Wicenski will contact these members and determine willingness to serve.

Action Items:

Commission Reports –

Building and Grounds- Mike Swigert- At the last meeting members put up tents for Septemberfest and toured the building project.

Finance – Nancy Buss – The committee reviewed year end statements and will be placing these in an upcoming October bulletin.

The committee is setting up a program for parishioners to lend the parish money for a three year period. The interest will be paid annually at the following rates based on the amounts loaned: \$10,000 to 25,000- 2%, \$25,000-100,000- 3%, >\$100,000- 4%. This program will be shared with parishioners in an upcoming bulletin. The budget has been balanced with endowment funds.

As of January 1, 2012, Germaine Souik, now retired, will be taking over the bookkeeping for SPC. She is volunteering her time and not taking a salary.

The Finance committee is looking for new members.

Personnel – Pete Molitor – This committee is looking for 1-2 new members. They will be contacting prospective in the upcoming weeks.

Human Concerns – Vue Yang –The next meeting will be October 11. The committee is seeking guidance from Parish Council on how to proceed with future Outreach funds.

Stewardship-Jim Bahar- Future Ministry Fair is May 19-20. The committee is planning on getting pledge cards mailed to parishioners by November 1. The Time, Talent and Treasure Commitment weekend is November 12-13.

Pastoral Staff – Deacon Mike- No report.

Parishioner/Visitor Input

*Parishioner suggested a pie chart being displayed showing progress in funding building project.

*Parishioners expressed enthusiasm for memorial plaques in the new gathering space. (The council will discuss at a future meeting how to do this tastefully.)

*Visitors questioned holding hands during the Our Father prayer. Deacon Mike informed the council that this is by parish choice and not mandated by the Archdiocese.

Upcoming Coffee & Donuts – October 9th for the Rite of Acceptance for Confirmation Candidates and November 20th for the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of St. Vincent de Paul at SPC

Closing Prayer: Diane Wilcenski

Next Meeting: October 24th, 2011;

Opening Prayer – Barb Caan, Closing Prayer – TBD

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Caan

NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL