

St. Peter the Apostle Pastoral Council

Minutes from November 16, 2017

Present: Fr. Chuck Walker, Fr. Deogratias Ssamba, Ken Cusick, Yesse Monico, Brian Kelty, Adam Thieneman, Joe Wells, Jason Whetstone, Carole Sanders, Rebecca Smith, Rick Kaiser, Jack Wheatley, Rebecca Raymer

Absent: Cathy Chodyniecki

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Carole: Regarding publishing the minutes with reservation of leaving out items of a sensitive nature – discussion ensued as to how to post the minutes. Brian suggested putting them on a bulletin board and the website. This was agreed upon by the council. Ken will assume the responsibility of putting the minutes on the website.

The group planning the anniversary event met. They agreed to hold the event on April 8, 2018 at St. Peter. They are exploring the possibility of using the cafeteria and a tent. They would like to have a combination of Spanish and American cuisine. The group is considering having a bookmark or holy card as a memento for each of the parishioners. As of January 1st, the people of St. Peter are being asked to participate in a volunteer capacity by working with Habitat for Humanity, working in a food kitchen, etc. and taking pictures that can be posted around the festivities during the anniversary event.

Carole went to the dedication of the new Pastoral Center. It was emphasized that it is a “pastoral center” – not a “chancery office”.

Carole also attended the last PCAL meeting. Archbishop Kurtz emphasized the great works being performed by Catholic Charities. He said we need to be sure the parishioners know what Catholic Charities does. The discernment process is working but, the degree of success depends on how good the core team is and the faith of the parishioners. Archbishop Kurtz asked that the councils pray over the process.

Fr. Chuck: Stated he is very pleased with the discernment process and the core group. At the listening session, several pages were filled with ideas. The core group broke into smaller groups of three to discuss all of the ideas presented then, they got back together to come up with the four goals. The four goals are just a draft, not our long range plan. The Strategic Planning Committee will develop the official plan.

There are a few “quick fixes” we can do without involving strategic planning. Ken is working on getting a handrail to go up the steps to the altar space. At the staff meeting, Fr. Chuck said we need to have Mass under one roof. The first weekend during which this will occur will be on the Epiphany (1/7). The first question was about how to get it started. What do we need to do to get three Masses under one roof?

Fr. Chuck stated that he would put something in the bulletin on November 17th regarding the new Mass schedule. Fr. Chuck’s preference for the new schedule on Sunday was 8:00 A.M. – English; 9:45 A.M. – Spanish; and 11:30 A.M. – English. Yesse questioned the time for the Hispanic Mass but, Fr. Charles had said that time would not be a problem. We also need to look at the religious education timing.

Joe said he thought we were going to put it out to the parish to vote on the new Mass times. Rebecca Smith suggested putting ballots in the pews and baskets in the back of church to collect them. A discussion ensued regarding the possible times. Fr. Chuck said he could put something in the bulletins about the time options. He will

say what he thinks will be the best schedule and then present a couple of other options for consideration. The decision must be made by December 10th.

Strategic Planning: Mr. Gentry with the Archdiocese said he has permission from Dr. Reynolds and the Archbishop to help get us started. The first step is to review the Mission Statement. We need to come up with a list of people to invite to be on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Questions: Do we want to come up with the names? Do we want the staff to come up with the names?

Either way, Fr. Chuck will have input on the final choices.

We want to be sure the people invited will have interest in being on the committee and that they will be able to work together. This will be a long process.

Carole said the Core Team was very effective and we should look at that group of people and determine which ones might be good for the Strategic Planning Committee. Fr. Chuck said that, in order to develop the Core Team, the staff came up with 75 names. Twenty of those people were invited. Fifteen said yes and 13 of them showed up. Ken suggested that each of us come up with the names of 3 people who we would recommend for the committee. All of those names will be submitted to Ken, who will compile the list. It was decided that each of us would submit 3 names to Ken by November 21st. He would compile the list and send it to each of us to review after which we would decide who to invite.

December 28th @ 6:00 PM we will have a potluck at Fr. Chuck's house.

Fr. Chuck announced that December 31st would be Cathy Blandford's last day of work at St. Peter. Marsha and Tony Palasia will continue with RCIA. He said Cathy was leaving us in a good position. We will begin advertising for a Director of Formation near the end of the year.

Yesse stated that the children should not be placed in the middle of adult conversations in order to translate. We need someone who is committed to being present and representing the Hispanic community.

Fr. Chuck questioned whether or not we should go ahead and begin advertising for a Formation Director now. Ken stated we should hire a bi-lingual Formation Director for St. Peter.

Carole suggested we should put ourselves in a position to be more inviting to the Hispanic community.

Ken reported that they are taking quotes for the gutters at St. Andrews. We received the first down payment on the cell tower. The deal on St. Tim's fell apart and another person is interested in only the back 7 acres of the property. The school will be listed for \$350,000 and the rectory will be listed for \$150,000. We are going to get a couple of names from the archdiocese for people to conduct a feasibility study for a Capital Campaign and would like to have a company on board by January 1, 2018. That will be decided upon by the Finance Committee.

Rebecca S. reported that Donna said she doesn't need anything from us right now. Melinda Hawkins said she needs help decorating the church for Christmas. Rebecca passed around a schedule of their goings-on.

Rebecca R. reported that Trunk or Treat went very well.

Joe Wells suggested we be sent an e-mail when individuals in the parish pass away so we can visit the funeral home as representatives of the church parish family.