

## St. Peter the Apostle Pastoral Council

### Minutes from May 17, 2018

**Present:** Fr. Chuck Walker, Fr. Deogratias Ssamba, Ken Cusick, Carole Sanders, Joe Wells, Jason Whetstone, Rick Kaiser, Sharyn Castelli, Rebecca Raymer, Cathy Chodynieceki

**Absent:** Brian Kelty, Jack Wheatley, Adam Thieneman, Yesse Monico

Fr. Chuck opened the meeting with a prayer.

Carole extended a welcome to Leah Royse, Stephen Lauyans and Penny Pierce, all of whom were nominated along with Robin Davis, to fill the three vacant positions on the council. Each of them told us a little about themselves.

Carole also said Fr. Chuck and Fr. Deogratias would be terribly missed and the rest of the council expressed their agreement.

We reviewed the minutes. There were no amendments required and the council agreed that the minutes were approved for release to the parish.

**Fr. Chuck:** He announced that we now have a new principal for St. Andrews Academy and a new director for Lifelong Formation. The new principal is Stewart "Butch" Cripe. He began his career in education at St. Polycarp then, he moved on to Bishop David/Holy Cross and JCPS.

The new director of Lifelong Formation is Barbara Escobar. She is graduating from Notre Dame. Fr. Chuck took her to Bardstown to familiarize her with our church history. They met with Fr. Lubecki, who will be moving to Louisville in June and, starting in his new assignment on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Escobar is fluent in Spanish.

Long range planning is going well. The committee is working on coming up with questions for the parish-wide survey. They are encountering some difficulty deciding what questions to ask. The survey needs to address the "big" picture.

**Ken:** The feasibility study was published. A random selection of households completed the questionnaires. We have 834 families that give to the church. 389 families (6%) give less than \$500/year and 445 families (94%) give an average of \$1900/year. 62% of the people are over 60 years of age. 86% of the people indicated they were moderately to very happy with what is going on in the parish at this time.

According to the study we should be able to raise \$2,000,000 in 3 years.

Fr. Chuck and Fr. Chris wrote a letter to the Archbishop and enclosed a copy of the study for his review. They spoke with the architect, who built St. Peter, about constructing the next building. We should have \$1,000,000 to remodel the cafeteria and the hallway leading into the church. The other \$1,000,000 will be used to reduce the debt. The hope is that we will be under construction by Memorial Day, 2019. We will move forward with the project as soon as the Archbishop gives his blessing to the plans.

St. Andrews experienced some wind damage. We need to replace the roof on the entire building, with the exception of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing. The insurance company will give us 50% of the cost of ¾ of the school. Our part will be about \$60,000.

Fr. Chuck said that other priests have told him that stewardship increases with education about giving.

Ken said the study shows that St. Peter is a typical Catholic church.

For all practical purposes, St. Tim's is gone. We were able to put \$135,000 in the bank to pay down on the loan.

Ken reviewed the budget for next year. Since 2015, we have had a "negative" budget. It appears as a "negative" budget because of non-cash items, one of which is depreciation. The collection is only 29% of what supports our church. The budget for the upcoming year is "actual". Payroll is increasing. Ken believes we are on the bubble to be even this next year.

Rick made a motion to approve the budget and Joe seconded it. The budget was unanimously approved.

**Carole:** Four people were nominated to fill the vacant positions on the pastoral council. The remaining portion of Rebecca Smith's term is 2 years. Cathy Chodynietcki and Brian Kelty will be leaving the council. Rebecca Raymer and Joe Wells will be staying on for a second 3-year term.

The Southwest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2018. The council agreed that we would participate in the festival this year. We will have a booth promoting St. Peter as a parish. We need to decide how to present ourselves. We should have both church members and school folks to participate. We should also have representatives from our Hispanic community participate. A committee should be established to organize our booth for the festival.

There was no report from the Worship committee.

The Faith Formation committee met. They have a list of things to do once Barbara arrives.

There will be a fortnight for religious freedom from June 22, 2018 to June 29 2018. Everyone prays for religious freedom. We will have adoration on 6/22 and 6/29. A booklet of prayers is being compiled to give to parishioners.

There was no report on Service as Adam was absent from the meeting. However, the picnic is the next big event. There are still 7 booths without a chairperson. The picnic committee will be making a big push this next week to fill those positions.

There was no report from Jack, as he was absent as well.

Fr. Chris will be coming on June 20<sup>th</sup>. His day off will be Monday. Carole will check with him to find out if he wants to meet with us on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Carole had the names drawn for our new council members. The new members are Leah Royse, Stephen Lauyans and Robin Davis.

Fr. Deogratias closed the meeting with a prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018.