

St. Peter the Apostle Pastoral Council

Minutes from February 15, 2018

Present: Fr. Chuck Walker, Fr. Deogratias Ssamba, Ken Cusick, Joe Wells, Carole Sanders, Sharyn Castelli, Adam Thieneman, Brian Kelty

Absent: Rebecca Raymer, Jack Wheatley, Rebecca Smith, Rick Kaiser, Jason Whetstone, Cathy Chodyniecki, Yesse Monico

Review of minutes from January 18, 2018: Carole corrected reference to FSC. It should have been FFC. Ken felt the statement in the minutes as to what would be published for the parish made it sound as though he was the decision-maker, which we all agreed was not the case. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Fr. Chuck: Fr. reported that they had signed a contract with Genris to do a feasibility study. He is going to float ideas about what we need. Fr. Chuck wrote it up and they tweaked it. Ken wrote a letter to the Archdiocese regarding our having a capital campaign to finish the building and service the debt. The Archdiocese wanted clarification as to how much of the funds raised would service the debt. Fr. Chuck said we want to finish the cafeteria and kitchen. They want to see if it is feasible that we could raise \$1.5 million with one-half of the funds servicing the debt and the other one-half being used to finish the cafeteria and kitchen. To do everything, including finishing the hallway, could require a \$3 million dollar campaign. Two million would allow us to service the debt over 3 years and finish the cafeteria. Another \$1 million would finish the rest of the construction.

Ken mentioned the Archdiocese feels that we may triple our regular giving in the campaign.

Fr. Chuck said they are still searching for a Faith Formation Director and a principal. They have interviewed a few people and have a small number of candidates. The search committee for the principal would be meeting for the first time the week of February 18th.

The Strategic Planning Committee was coming together nicely. Everyone Fr. Chuck had spoken with had said "yes". They were working on dates for their first meeting.

Per Joe: Two weeks ago they had cut patterns for the new picnic tables. A week ago they came back and worked on building them. They have completed 20 new picnic tables to this date.

Ken: The other conference room is all but complete. The hope is that it will be finished by our next meeting.

Accent Contractors/Kevin Abrams is putting up the new gutters at the St. Andrews site.

The 6-month financials look good.

Carole questioned the giving reports we receive each week. We were told that net collections are up compared to the same time last year. The school made approximately \$185,000 after expenses for the first half of the year. The parish has \$73,000 after expenses, which is an increase over last year.

Approximately 25% of the registered parishioners actually attend mass and contribute to the parish.

Carole: Suggested that we put back on the agenda the topic of school families attending church. The athletic director needs to emphasize that, if the children are involved in sports, they need to be involved in church. It is important to get our children back in church.

Need to start talking with people about the 4 positions opening on the council in April. A member of the council can succeed themselves for 1 additional 3-year period. Joe Wells has elected to stay on the council for another term. Brian Kelty will be leaving. Carole needs to find out if Cathy and/or Rebecca R. want to stay on the council for another term, if this was their first term.

The committee is still working on plans for the anniversary celebration. They wanted to correct the number of masses for that weekend. Masses will be held at the regular times. They are incorporating the theme from St. Peter to become living stones and we will be celebrating that we are living stones. The meal will be a potluck. Cakes are being donated. There will be 3 weekends of sign-ups for the food. The Knights of Columbus will be frying the chicken. We plan to use the tent we already own.

Fr. Chuck agreed that on Friday, March 23rd, parishioners could enjoy the fish fry and then go over to the PLC for faith formation on reconciliation/metanoia.

A grant has been applied for from CEF.

Brian: Adam Thieneman has agreed to be the new “face of beer” for St. Peter.

Casino night (2/3/18) went well however, profits were down by about one-half from last year. About 203 people attended the event. Receipts totaled \$16,504 and expenses were \$7,693, which resulted in a net profit of \$8,810. Last year’s profit was approximately \$17,000. Brian suggested we need to raise the ticket price and include only 2 drink tickets per person.

Upcoming events are: 2/17 – Knights of Columbus dance; 3/16 – card party after the fish fry; 4/28 – Derby Bash; and April-May – Adult volleyball

Jack: Outreach – Health Ministry is going to have a breakfast for Eucharistic Ministers.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Fr. Deogratias.