

**St. Peter Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
February 9, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting**

Present:

Rev. Jerome Foley, Pastor
Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.
Deidre Watson, President
Steven Arms
Kathleen Bissell
Cristina Cara
Regina Crowley

Absent:

Art Angst, Pastoral Associate
Maureen Geneste

Opening Prayer

Kathleen led the Council in an opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, Deidre asked the Council to review and consider the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. The Council unanimously approved the minutes without discussion.

Old Business:

- **Forgive our debt luncheon**

Deidre reported that Maureen has confirmed with the Men's Club that they will host the forgive our debt luncheon to thank the parish for its generosity in support of the Forgive Our Debt Campaign last year. A tentative date of April 10, following the 11am Mass, was suggested. Deidre will follow up with Maureen to confirm the date and the appropriate announcement will be included in the bulletin.

- **Anniversary Party**

The St. Peter Church 60th Anniversary Party planners met last week to begin the process of organizing a team to handle the event. Deidre indicated that only a few people attended the first meeting and that many more party planners are needed and welcome. Invitations to the next planning event, on February 18 at 7pm, will be announced. The tentative date for the event will be Saturday, September 17.

- **Forgive our debt dinner**

A dinner for the 100 individuals/groups who contributed \$720 or more to the Forgive Our Debt Campaign is in the planning stage. A decision on a date was deferred until the March Pastoral Council Meeting.

- **Bingo Event**

Last month, the Council considered the logistics of bringing back a Bingo Event as a fundraising idea. The Council generally supports the idea; but agreed that the short-term calendar is becoming crowded which makes it unlikely this event will occur in the next few months. Further discussion was deferred to the March meeting.

- **Improved headphones for hearing impaired**

In response to a request from several parishioners, Deidre reported that Art had repaired two of the malfunctioning headphones and will discuss replacing two others with Fr. Foley.

New Business:

- **Easter Book Gifts**

Steven updated the Council on the recent delivery of Michael Kelly's "Rediscovering Catholicism" and presented a number of ideas to continue the outreach to new and returning parishioners. Fr. Foley supported the effort but suggested that further distributions occur annually with the next distribution occurring during Easter, 2017. Kathleen suggested that it would be interesting to measure the response of those who received Michael Kelly's book and consider books from a variety of authors for future distributions.

- **Young Adults Group**

Steven led a robust discussion on the concept of forming a Young Adult Ministry at St. Peter. Fr. Foley shared several suggestions for outreach and the overall mission of

the group. Steven shared his experience with an excellent seminar at the San Francisco Archdiocese, led by Angela Pollock, that provided a number of excellent ideas. Steven described his vision for the group and the Council provided excellent feedback. Fr. Foley suggested that one-on-one contacts in support of one or more service ministries would provide a foundation for this effort and recommended that Steven identify one or two services and seek 2-3 young adults with a “call to participate” would be a great start. Numerous ideas were suggested, including helping the Rebuilding Together effort. Deidre offered to reach out to Sue Bernardi to determine when the next Rebuilding Together event will occur. Regina suggested that it might be useful to consider a combined outreach to the Young Adults of Good Shepherd Parish. The Council enthusiastically supports this important ministry and agreed to ‘keep an eye out’ for prospective young adults who may be interested in participating.

- **New Council Members**

Deidre reminded the Council that two members will conclude their terms at the end of June and recommended that replacement and additional candidates be found. Fr. Foley suggested that a nomination process that allows parishioners to select Council representatives occur. The Council agreed to reach out to those who regularly attend and ask for nominees. Deidre suggested that the current Council be presented at all Masses to remind parishioners who the Council members are. At the March meeting, a photo session is planned.

- **Survey Results**

Kathleen reported that the recent survey results need to be compiled. Cristina and Regina agreed to work with Kathleen to compile the results and present a report to the Council at the March meeting. Kathleen indicated that a reminder to complete the survey on the parish website was placed in the bulletin a few weeks ago. Completed surveys continue to come in.

- **Parish Music Ministry**

Fr. Foley briefly reported on his discussion with the Finance Council regarding his desire to, eventually, hire staff to manage the music ministry of St. Peter Church. No timeline has been established but the concept was “music” to Deidre’s ears!

- **Shared Miracles**

Based on a suggestion from Fr. Foley during his homily this past weekend, Deidre suggested that the Council each share a miracle in their lives. Each member shared a moment where God's presence in the form of a miraculous event or frequent experience has blessed each of us.

Closing Prayer

Regina led the Council in a closing prayer.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for March 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Bissell