

**St. Peter Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
April 12, 2016  
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present:**

Rev. Jerome Foley, Pastor  
Deidre Watson, President  
Art Angst, Pastoral Associate  
Steven Arms  
Kathleen Bissell  
Cristina Caro  
Regina Cuevas

**Absent:**

Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.  
Maureen Geneste

**Opening Prayer**

Cristina Caro led the Council in an opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 12 and February 9, 2016 Parish Council meetings were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**Mortgage Debt Retirement - Luncheon**

The Council discussed the details for the upcoming luncheon to celebrate the mortgage debt retirement. It is scheduled for May 15, after 11:00am Mass and Deidre will follow up with the Men's Club to confirm the details and assure that they receive the proper lead time.

**Parish Survey Results -**

Cristina and Kathleen presented the Council with summary results of the Parish Survey. Overall, the response was favorable; however, the number of completed responses may have been a representative sample of St. Peter parishioners. Many surveys included important comments and recommendation that will require further discussion and possible action.

### **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone Visit -**

Fr. Foley provided a status report on Archbishop Cordileone's scheduled visits to each parish. The Council was advised that we can expect a visit from the Archbishop but a date has not yet been determined.

### **St. Peter Parish 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration -**

Deidre and Regina brought the Council up to date on preparations for the September 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for September. Regina shared an example of the table centerpieces and other design ideas that will transform the gym into a beautiful environment for dinner and the music of Sinatra. Fr. Foley asked Deidre and Regina to confirm the Men's Club's participation in the event and provide a detailed confirmation of various elements of the event. Deidre also suggested that the event might include a recognition of those parishioners who have been a member of the parish since the beginning. The Council agreed that was a wonderful idea.

### **Parish Council Member Recruitment -**

Deidre reminded the Council that her term, and that of Maureen Geneste will expire June 1. The Council considered several options to attract candidates for the Parish Council and Kathleen offered to draft an 'application' for insertion in an upcoming bulletin. Fr. Foley recommended, and the Council agreed, that the Parish should review candidate interest and decide who serves. Fr. Foley recommended that the 'application' be inserted as one of the three common pages in the bulletin.

### **Fundraising Item - Parking Permit -**

It was pointed out that the annual parking permit raffle is long overdue. Deidre suggested that a raffle at the Anniversary celebration in September might be a good time to address this. Another suggestion was that the preferential parking spots be part of a bidding process with a note in the bulletin.

### **New Business:**

### **Archdiocese Work Shop Scheduled -- On Care For Our Common Home -**

We have been invited to participate in a Workshop on April 23 to consider ways that the parish can reduce its energy consumption and make other changes that will benefit the environment. Each parish is asked to send 2-3 individuals who are willing to participate in this 3 hour program. The Council agreed that participation would be worthwhile and Kathleen agree to consider attending.

**Other:**

Art informed the Council that the Archdiocese Youth Council meets once monthly and it might be worthwhile to recognize this opportunity in an upcoming bulletin to encourage participation by our parish youth. Art agreed to reach out to Betty Ann on this issue.

**Closing Prayer**

Art Angst led the Council in a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for May 10, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Bissell