

St. Peter Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
May 10, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

Rev. Jerome Foley, Pastor
Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.
Deidre Watson, President
Art Angst, Pastoral Associate
Steven Arms
Kathleen Bissell
Cristina Caro
Regina Cuevas
Maureen Geneste

Absent:

None

Opening Prayer

Fr. Foley led the Council in an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 12, 2016 Parish Council meetings were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Mortgage Burning Luncheon – Deidre reported that preparations for the luncheon, scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2016, after the 11am Mass are on track. Regina provided additional details on the menu and the support from the Men’s Club.

Anniversary Dinner Update – Regina updated the Council on the preparations for the St. Peter 60th Anniversary celebration scheduled for September 10. Regina and Deidre shared a number of details regarding the decorations and menu. Art reported that 50 tickets have been sold so far—but it’s early and many more are expected. The Committee will continue to meet throughout the coming weeks. It was mentioned that there will be

blood drive on September 11th and volunteers will be needed after the event to prepare the gym for the blood drive the next day. Betty Ann will be contacted to see if the 8th and 9th grade CCD students can lend a hand.

Regina mentioned that the table decorations will be assembled the day before (September 9) in the afternoon and volunteers for that would be welcome. Several Council members signed up to help. Deidre reminded everyone that the coordinating committee for this event will continue to meet through the summer.

Pastoral Council Recruitment – Deidre reminded the Council that terms of service on the Pastoral Council for her and Maureen will expire in June. As promised at the April meeting, Kathleen promised to draft a Nomination Form seeking volunteers and nominees to fill these vacancies and add additional Pastoral Council members. The Council reviewed the draft and agreed that it would be acceptable to add to upcoming bulletins. Art agreed to do that. Fr. Foley reminded the Council that it is important that the nominations be brought before the parishioners for consideration.

Archdiocese Youth Council – Art indicated that there was no update on the Archdiocese Youth Council other than to report that the person representing the Archdiocese is visiting all parishes and has not scheduled a visit with St. Peter Church yet.

Archdiocese Workshop on Care for Our Common Home – Last month, Kathleen volunteered to represent St. Peter Church at an April Workshop on this topic. However, she was unable to attend on the April 23 date and, instead, notified the Archdiocese of her intent to attend the next Workshop in October. The Council then considered a number of potential energy/resource saving ideas such as solar energy and water conservation.

New Business:

Chapel Chairs / Condition – Cristina reported that a number of parishioners have mentioned that the condition of several chairs in the Chapel are in need of repair. Fr. Foley led a discussion on the cause of the deteriorating fabric (direct sunlight) and the potential solution (solar screens). This precipitated a discussion on several church maintenance projects that will need attention in the short and long term including fixing a leak in the Baptismal font, repairing or replacing the church roof (the religious education roof has

been repaired), painting, gutter cleaning, etc. Regina suggested that the North Coast Water District be contacted to 'purchase' rain barrels for the garden.

THANK YOU DEIDRE AND MAUREEN! Fr. Foley expressed his sincere appreciation for the leadership and support of Deidre and Maureen during their term on the Pastoral Council. Art and the other members of the Council agreed and expressed their thanks for their generosity and spirit and all agreed they had been an excellent choice for this ministry.

Accomplishments and Ideas - Deidre provided the Council with a list of accomplishments during her term and ideas for the Council to consider going forward. Sr. Hilda led a discussion regarding ideas on how to engage young adults, new couples with small children and a number of ideas were considered including a picnic in the Fall.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Bissell