

**St. Peter Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
September 13, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting**

Present:

Rev. Jerome P. Foley, Pastor
Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.
Art Angst, Pastoral Associate, ex-officio
Kathleen Bissell, President
Eileen Barsi
Cristina Caro
Gayle Fried
Kevin Kannengeiser
Theresa Kannengeiser
Eric Romero
Frances Romero
Ann West

Absent:

Steven Arms

Opening Prayer

Father Jerry began the meeting with a blessing over the meal shared with the returning and new members of the council.

Approval of the Minutes

Kathleen referred the council to the previous meeting minutes of April 12, 2016. The minutes were approved as presented.

Welcome to New Pastoral Council Members

Father Jerry welcomed the newest members of the council. All members introduced her/himself. This was followed by a discussion of the Mission and the Role of the Pastoral Council.

Old Business

St. Peter Parish – 60th Anniversary Celebration

Kathleen asked Art to share the results and comments following the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Art indicated that the financial results were not yet available; however, the event was very well received by the community. All agreed that a special thanks should go to the tireless efforts of the organizers, especially Regina Cuevas-Crowley and Deidre Watson who helped make the event a success. A special thanks, too, was given to Eileen Barsi for her wonderful parish history exhibit which will be posted in the narthex.

It was suggested that the bidding for the silent auction for preferred parking for all masses be presented after each mass during a future weekend to assure that all parishioners who wish to bid can do so. Kathleen agreed to post a notice in the bulletin and be available with the bid sheets the weekend of September 23-24.

Coastside Shelter Study

Father Jerry brought the council up to date on recent discussions with the organizers of the coastside shelter study. A meeting held earlier this year considered the various issues relating to St. Peter Church's participation in the mobile homeless shelter along the coast. Discussions will continue to assure that the parish can provide the needed facilities for this worthwhile cause. Additional details will be provided at the next meeting of the council.

Coordinated Parish Activities

Kathleen recommended that we consider collaborating with other parish committees to assure transparency. It was also suggested that the FUNdraising calendar be provided and church calendar events be shared with the council. Cristina Cara also recommended that a binder be created to include the contacts and other details needed to take on an event (e.g. e-waste).

New Business

Care for Our Common Home

Kathleen advised the council of ongoing efforts to determine if St. Peter Church can make improvements to its operations in support of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' which asks all of us to work toward protecting our natural resources. Kathleen has been working with Vivian

Queirolo to determine if St. Peter Church can implement a solar energy system to reduce overall energy costs. More information on this topic will be presented in October.

Other Topics

The council had a robust discussion on a number of important issues that will be discussed in greater detail in the future. Included on the list was an excellent suggestion, from Gayle, to consider activities that would attract young adults. It was agreed that this would help foster participation of this group within the parish. Another element of this suggestion was made to provide for a co-op nursery for the children of young couples. A recommendation, by Kevin, to consider a “fall festival” was well received. Eileen suggested that there may be data that would allow a statistical analysis of the demographics of the parish which could measure the potential needs and interests. Eric suggested that ‘mixers’ with kids might be welcomed by parishioners.

Regine Cuevas-Crowley submitted a written notification that she will be unable to continue as a member of the council. Her resignation was accepted with our sincere appreciation for her contributions during the last two years.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the pastoral council will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Cristina Caro volunteered to provide an opening prayer and Kathleen will lead the closing prayer.

Closing Prayer

Father Jerry led the council in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Bissell