

**St. Peter Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
October 11, 2016  
Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present:**

Rev. Jerome P. Foley, Pastor  
Art Angst, Pastoral Associate  
Kathleen Bissell, President  
Eileen Barsi  
Cristina Caro  
Gayle Fried  
Kevin Kannengeiser  
Theresa Kannengeiser  
Victoria Martinez  
Ann West

**Absent:**

Sr. Hilda Sandoval, M.F.P.  
Eric Romero  
Frances Romero

**Opening Prayer**

Cristina began the meeting with an opening prayer.

**Welcome**

The council welcomed Victoria Martinez from the youth ministry. Victoria and Dylan Monaghan will be attending future council meetings to provide insights from their perspectives.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Kathleen referred the council to the previous meeting minutes of September 13, 2016. One typographical correction was noted and the minutes were approved as amended.

**Committee Reports**

As a member of the finance committee, Art provided an overview of the financial state of the parish and reported that the fiscal year report will be provided to the community in a couple of

weeks via a bulletin insert. The council discussed several details of the reports, including the revised accounting formula for the annual appeal and the use of the funds from the maintenance fund collection. Several recommendations were suggested and a request for more detailed reports at the next meeting was made. The council was advised that the parish will be undergoing its regular 3-year audit soon. In addition, it was reported that surplus funds resulted from the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event but the amount has not yet been confirmed.

Eileen reported on the activities of the liturgy committee including coordination of the music program, and the recent training of acolytes and lectors. A training session for Eucharistic ministers will be scheduled soon. The training sessions were well attended. In the coming weeks, smaller sessions will be held to assure consistent practices and improve community participation in the various ministries. The council provided several recommendations that Eileen will share with the committee.

In Sister Hilda's place, Kathleen shared two documents. The first provided details on the pre-school and kindergarten religious education program, the religious education program for children (grades 1-6) and the confirmation program (RCIC and RCIA). The second document summarized a Las Posadas celebration that Sister Hilda is planning for December.

## **Old Business**

### **Coastside Shelter Study**

Father Jerry and Kathleen provided a status of the discussions with several agencies and other parishes that may wish to participate in a coastside shelter program next year. Efforts are underway to reach out to cities and other parishes along the coast and confirm logistics. The weeks of January 15 and February 19, with a potential third week, have been tentatively discussed. Additional details for the project will be forthcoming. Theresa offered that there is an important need for public relations messaging on this project and it was agreed that parishioners should be kept up to date on the details.

### **Care for Our Common Home/Archdiocese Environmental Project**

Kathleen provided additional details on the various opportunities St. Peter Church has to help improve the environment. Kathleen has been working with Vivian Queirolo on the various elements of this project and shared a number of resources for recycling, material from the Global Catholic Climate Movement and information from the Archdiocese website. A meeting

of interested parishioners will be held October 18 to review opportunities and consider next steps toward decreasing our carbon footprint.

### **Parish Focussed Young Adult Ministry**

The council considered the archdiocese recommendations for establishing a young adult ministry at St. Peter. Several obstacles were identified and the issue was tabled for now.

### **Parking Spaces**

Kathleen reported that the annual parking space bidding project is complete for the year. The sign has been updated and all but one of the bidders have dropped their checks off at the rectory. Bids for the September 2017 silent auction will be sought next summer.

### **Website, Name Tags Update**

Kathleen will ask the webmaster to update the council website members and follow up next month with new council member badges. In addition, she hopes to post a photo of each member on the parish council bulletin board in the narthex shortly.

### **New Business:**

The council was advised that Steven Arms has relocated; and, although he will continue to serve on the confirmation team for the coming year, he will be unable to continue as a member of the council. His resignation was accepted with our sincere appreciation for his contributions during the last two years.

### **FUNdraising Calendar 2016-17**

Kathleen reported some difficulty in getting a current fundraising calendar in place and will work with Art to create one. It was agreed that it is important to coordinate fundraising efforts in the parish. The council discussed the logistics of holding an e-waste fundraiser as we have in the past. Cristina offered to determine if a more local source could be found since the previous vender (Green Mouse) is San Jose based and has limited time for events this far away. In any event, it was decided to hold the next e-waste event in the Spring of 2017.

## **Parish Operations**

The council briefly discussed the current arrangements for janitorial and gardening services. No changes were recommended at this time. Kathleen brought before the council an opportunity to participate in the Bread for the World Sunday event this coming week. Due to a conflict with currently scheduled events, it was suggested that this opportunity be reconsidered in 2017.

## **Father Jerry's Thoughts...**

Father Jerry shared his thoughts on several topics including a need to clarify how 'ordinary expenses' are allocated and to work toward a practice of 'single service' regarding ministries during mass. He also reflected on the cultural difficulties in establishing a youth ministry in today's world. He expressed his belief that the coastside shelter program has great potential and, if the various details can be worked out, it will be a great experience for the community. Father also reported that the Blessing of the Animals event was 'wonderful' with a large turnout from the community.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the pastoral council will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Kevin will provide an opening prayer and Eileen offered to lead the closing prayer.

## **Closing Prayer**

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

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Bissell