

**St. Peter Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
November 8, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting**

Present:

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

Absent:

Cristina Caro
Victoria Martinez
Dylan Monaghan

Opening Prayer

Kevin led the council in an opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes – October 11, 2016

Kathleen referred the council to the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee -- Art provided the council with copies of the most recent financial statements including a periodic financial report and profit & loss statement (January 1, 2016 to November 8, 2016), an income and expense exhibit for the maintenance fund, and a balance sheet for the parish bank accounts. Art indicated that the financial reports would be shared with the parish (in the bulletin) soon and shared several details on various income and expenses. In addition, the council was reminded that the Archbishop's Appeal for this year includes a 20% increase over last year. The current balance owed is \$22,000 and several ideas were discussed to communicate this need with to the parishioners.

Liturgy Committee – Eileen brought the council up to date on several issues. She referenced a liturgical calendar that includes the planned events and advised that after many years of service, George Ritter

has decided to retire from the music ministry. The council agreed that his shoes will be very difficult to fill. Efforts are underway to find a replacement for George. Eileen also reported on the recent training sessions for acolytes and readers.

Religious Education – Sister Hilda reported on the current activities in the religious education areas. Additional children have been included in the liturgy group that meets every Sunday during the 11am mass and she will be accepting more children through the first week in December. The RCIA group (3 adults) and RCIC group (1 youth and 3 children) are meeting regularly. Sponsors for the RCIA candidates are needed. It is expected that 5 baptisms and 2 confirmations will occur next year. Sister is also working on the Christmas boutique event to be held the weekend of November 12-13 and will start working on a Las Posadas celebration, during December, after the boutique.

Old Business:

Coastside Shelter Study

Kathleen and Eileen reported on the recent activities regarding the coastside shelter project. At a recent meeting in Half Moon Bay with local law enforcement, city council members, support agencies and church groups, they learned that it is unlikely the project will move forward this winter. Separately, Ellen Hage, representing St. Peter Church, has been discussing a potential pilot program for this winter with the Pacifica Resource Center. Conceptually, 5-7 individuals would be sheltered on church property under supervision as needed. Additional details will be provided in the future.

There were conflicting views among council members about the City of Pacifica law enforcement policy on issuing citations to individuals who are living in their cars on the streets. The chief of police will be contacted to confirm the police department's policy.

Green Initiative

The council received a copy of the minutes of the green initiative and supports moving forward on the short and long term goals. Kathleen will work with Vivian Queirolo to prioritize the ideas and to reach out to other parishes who have implemented a solar energy system. The e-waste idea was approved if we can pool our resources with another parish. Kathleen will follow up with Good Shepherd to see if we can coordinate an e-waste event in the spring. Father suggested we visit All Souls Church in South San Francisco, St. Theresa Church and St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos, as these churches have installed solar heating. Kevin volunteered to reach out to St. Nicholas Church to determine what they did and how they did it. It was also suggested that we seek a 'campus assessment' from PG&E to provide recommendations for reducing parish energy costs.

Parish Operations

The council discussed several ideas for utilizing the council bulletin board in the narthex. Eileen and Kathleen will work together to display photos of the council members.

New Business:

Food Drive

Gayle presented an idea for helping the resource center with a food drive after the holidays. She offered to call the resource center to determine the best time for the food drive and will work with parish staff to add a bulletin item at the proper time, secure a barrel and coordinate other necessary logistics.

Healing Mass

The council considered a having a healing mass, likely during the Lenten season. Eileen will follow up with the liturgy committee to get this mass on the calendar.

Archbishop Cordileone Visit – May 2017

The council was advised that Archbishop Cordileone will visit the parish during student confirmation in May. At the same time, he will be meeting with the staff and committees. The visit is currently scheduled for May 20.

Mass Schedule – Christmas

Father asked that the Christmas eve masses should be held at 4pm and 9pm this year. Eileen will advise the liturgy committee and Art will advise staff to assure proper notice to the community.

Next Meeting

Father Jerry will host a Christmas dinner for the council, the finance committee and the liturgy committee on December 11. The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 7pm. Staff will notify the committee members.

Closing Prayer

Eileen led the council in a prayer of thanksgiving and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Bissell