

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2019
Selinger Hospitality Center

Attendees: T.J. Ralston, Doug Otto, Jeff Luebbert, Bradley Shimmens, Diane Struempf, Gayle Trachsel, Fr, Jeremy Secrist

Guest: Deacon Enrique Castro, Kenneth Payne

Absent: Kyle Shimmens, Terri Haake, Lesha Neidert, Andy Rackers, Michelle Truesdale

Opening Prayer: Fr Secrist opened the meeting with a prayer.

Old Business:

Update on Parish Pictorial Directory – Fr. Secrist stated that there have been 625 families so far that have had their pictures taken. A few people showed up last week thinking they were taking pictures. He suggested that we push off having the directories ready until closer to Easter like April. That way we have more time to really organize it and get more pictures of parish activities. And we could possibly have a couple more days of taking pictures maybe later in November.

Hispanic Community of St. Peter – Enrique we will be having a bilingual mass on Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm. So parts will be in English & parts especially 1 reading & the gospel will be in Spanish. Spanish need to reach out more to their community to get them involved. They need to build some bridges in the gaps. I big event coming up for them is December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe they usually celebrate this around 10:00 pm but still need to work out the details on this. Fr Secrist also said that Deacon Enrique has been assigned to St. Peter and Fr. Jeremy Secrist for Hispanic ministry.

Commission and Committee Reports:

Divine Worship and Spiritual Development – Kenneth Payne reported on their name and the upcoming mass for the rest of the year.

November 1 All Saints Day– 7:00am, 12:03pm, 1:45 pm, 7:00pm (bilingual mass)

November 2 All Souls Day – 9:00am

November 11 – Veterans Day – 8:30am

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day -9:00am

December 9 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception- 7:00am, 12:03pm, 2:00pm, 7:00pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve – 5:15pm Church & chapel, 9:00pm & midnight

December 25 – Christmas Day – 10:00am

Finance Committee – Brad Shimmens reported that we were a little short for 1st quarter but felt that it will be made up in the following quarters. There were some items that needed to be done for the safety of the school kids like new fencing out front of school and on the lower playground, these are just a few of the things that caused us to be short for the 1st quarter. They are working on getting new doors for the church.

School report – Gayle Trachsel said they are excited about some things coming up.

October 28 - Down Syndrome Day – They are doing a dress down day

November 1- They are doing “Saints in the school yard” in the prayer garden

November 6 – Diocesan meeting called – No School & will not have to make up

November 11- Veterans Day Assembly – after the 8:30am mass they invite veterans to an assembly

Pastor’s report

New LED Marquee sign/board working great - paid for with a donation made.

Selinger Center gym floor – Looks great was paid for by a donation made.

Ethel Bruning Foundation – This will be a scholarship to Helias for a student from St. Peter parish. They are still working on this scholarship because it will be a continual scholarship each year to ensure a Catholic Education for a student.

New Business

Diocesan Pastoral Plan – Bishop McKnight would like each parish to have small prayer groups during Advent. There is 5 sessions for the Advent program. The 2nd part will be during Lent.

Long Range Plan – We need to continue to work on this.

2019 World Day of the Poor – Parish Council are helping with setup 10:00 and clean up. Flyers are being posted all over town. We gave some out at Project Homeless Connect. Rita Garcia has some of the Spanish flyers to get to the Spanish community. Knights of Columbus are fixing pulled pork for 200. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish School is doing Blessing Bags again. The question came up what if we have more than 200 because of all the homeless with the tornado we possibly need to have a backup plan. Health committee will be giving out first aid bags. They will also give information about flu shots and will be taking blood pressures.

Parking Lot – It has been brought up again that made we need to be checking about adding more parking possibly adding additional levels to the lower flat and side parking lot.

Social Media/Marketing Plan

School has both Facebook & Twitter – Gayle Trachsel is in-charge on posting to these.

Parish has Facebook

We need to be thinking of how we can do better with this.

Marquee Sign – Fr. Secrist is the one currently in-charge on posted to it.

St. Peter Church Gear – Diane reported that she got 2 quotes for T-shirts 1 was Mid Mo Promos and the other was Custom Screen Printing. It was agree that she would contact Mid Mo Promos to get a design for them and send it out to the council to approve which design we will use. She also said that they can do a link so the people can place an order for them and pay when it comes in. Father suggested maybe a design with the church or church steeple and maybe included the keys behind it. Maybe even put established date on them (est. 1846). We can have these ready for Christmas gifts. Gayle said that school uses Midwest Advertising

Comments for the Good of the Parish: None

Next meeting date: December 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm (note date change because of conflicts)

Fr. Secrist led the council in the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.