

# Church of Saints Peter and Paul

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 18th, 2007

**Members Present:** Sharon Hafften, Dorothy Haag, Mary Kaye Schneider, Michelle (Shelly) Gulsvig, Jean Turnham, Judy Parmenter, Brian VanBeusekom, Father Brian.

**Guests:** Danny Doboszinski (Finance Council Chair), Randy Hatcher (New Church Building Committee Chair), Lynn Scholtes (Parish Business Administrator), Ted Turnham.

### Guests Reports:

**Randy Hatcher:** NCBC will send out a parish letter before Christmas announcing that an architect has been chosen. NCBC is in the process of asking the Archdiocese for a proxy (permission to initiate a contract with the architect). There will be a cost of creating a preliminary design. The next step will be to initiate a capital campaign. BWBR is the architectural firm. St Peter in Mendota is an example of their work. BWBR's bio will be included in the upcoming letter. [www.bwbr.com](http://www.bwbr.com) is their website. At the Jan 17<sup>th</sup> All Parish meeting an update on the NCBC's work will be given. For example, BWBR will begin to talk with all parish groups about our needs. Everyone in the parish will once again have the opportunity to participate. We will build the new church with everyone being involved!

**Lynn Scholtes:** Last month we talked about which zip codes we want to send the parish newsletter to in the next mailing. We are looking to target a few different zip codes in an effort to reach new people. // We would like to develop a **Welcome Bag**. This will be available at all parish gatherings to give to visitors. Basic parish info plus a few gifts will be included in each bag. Guestimate: \$5-7 per bag.

**Finance Council:** (Danny Doboszinski) The **Scrip program** is doing well in December. Everyone is invited to pick up an order form in either the parish center foyer, church vestibule, or parish office. Stop by the office today to place an order! Everyone can support the parish by purchasing scrip. // FC has been discussing the recent shortfall in the parish budget. Recent parish mailings have asked everyone to re-evaluate their giving. We need to increase our income to maintain the current parish programs.

### Parish Committee Reports:

**Building and Maintenance Committee:** The parking lot lights need to be replaced.

**Liturgy Committee:** (Judy Parmenter) Once again there will be carols sung before each of the Christmas Masses. No rosary will be said. // Befrienders sponsored a parish retreat on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. 18 people attended. Focus was on the psalms. Father Brian kicked off the retreat by talking about the history and background of the psalms. // Carol Weller will contact the band for our annual Polka Mass on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope the KC's will have a pancake breakfast. // For the Feast of the Holy Family (December 30<sup>th</sup>) we will offer everyone a special gift of a laminated prayer card.

**Social Civic Committee:** (Jean Turnham) A **bingo party** will be held on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be after the 5pm mass. Cost will be \$5 per person to play Bingo. Families are asked to bring a dish to share and own beverages. // SCC is looking for volunteers to chair Cana Dinner on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Justice Committee:** (Dorothy Haag) SJC is hosting a speaker from Birthright for the Masses on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. // Will the KCs be sponsoring a bus for the annual Pro-life rally in January?

**Fundraising Committee:** Winterfest is coming on February 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> !!!! This year WF will include a carnival, the Cana Dinner, a Sunday brunch, a drawing, and much more. Mark your calendars today and plan on joining your fellow parishioners for a fun weekend.

**Faith Formation Committee:** (Sharon Hafften) Giving Tree gifts were delivered on December 16<sup>th</sup>. 250+ gifts were brought in by our parish. Special thanks to all those who brought in gifts, to Ken Doboszinski for the use of a trailer, and to those who helped with loading and delivering the gifts. // A survey will be going out to RE families regarding the proposed change in the Faith Formation program (See previous PPC minutes for details, or feel welcome to contact our Director of Religious Education for more info). // 9 students are currently working towards Confirmation. The “Sending Off” Mass will be Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be at the Cathedral on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. // Youth Leadership Team is planning a bake sale for Winterfest. Service hours are available to students who help with baking and selling for this event. // A tubing event is being planned for youth in grades 7-12. Not sure of date. // The FFC has prepared a report of why “Religious Education” should be changed to “Faith Formation”. This will be given to PPC members for review.

**Education Advisory Committee:** (Mary Kaye Schneider) The EAC had an **All School meeting** on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the meeting all school families and parish staff were invited to offer their input on the strengths, challenges, and proposed solutions. Luke Bearth from the Archdiocese facilitated the meeting. The strengths and challenges of the Academy were explored through small group discussions, followed by an opportunity to bring forth questions to the gathering at large. Most agreed that this was a step in the right direction. All present were invited to join a task force to work on three of the top issues brought forward. Those task forces are: Marketing, School Structure/Grade Arrangements, and the Lunch Program. The EAC will be meeting with those who signed up for the task forces on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. The task forces will meet from 7:00 – 8:00pm, and then the EAC meeting will follow. Angie Mahoney (EAC chairperson) is working on a follow-up letter to go out to school families.

**Chairperson:** (Shelly) All parish committees are asked to put together a write up for the welcome bag. These should be completed and given to the parish office ASAP. // The **Cub Scouts** sent a written response to the PPC’s inquiry about their parish presence. They stated that they are open to serving whatever asked, whenever asked. Some of their projects/tasks include: doing Sunday Coffee and Rolls ministry, cleaning tables for fundraisers, teaching boys of our community to be good Christian men, building confidence, teaching reverence for God, caroling at Haven Homes, and cleaning up parish flower beds. The Cub Scouts need more members! They will be reaching out to other school districts and the home school community in hopes of increasing enrollment.

**Pastor:** (Father Brian) Our parish continues to struggle with stewardship. The December 6<sup>th</sup> All School meeting was a good step in our efforts to address the many issues surrounding our school. Thank you to the EAC for their work these past months to lead our school community. The entire parish has been asked to re-evaluate their stewardship efforts. Our current level of giving is not meeting our various programs’ needs. The **January 17<sup>th</sup> All Parish meeting** will address our parish’s current struggles and future direction. All parishioners are asked to attend. // Why were the Winterfest raffle tickets not issued before Christmas? This has been a goal for many years.

Blue sky – It has been mentioned that there are no young adult activities or group in our parish. This is a good question - something to look into.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008.

**Please remember, the PPC welcomes all guests to attend these meetings and we encourage your feedback and participation!**