

Church of Saints Peter and Paul

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2007

Members Present: Eric Lloyd, Sharon Hafften, Dorothy Haag, Mary Kaye Schneider, Michelle (Shelly) Gulsvig, John Grenzer, Kristi Bongaarts, Ryan Green and Fr. Brian.

Guests: Danny Doboszanski (Finance Council Chair), Randy Hatcher (New Church Building Committee Chair), Tom Grinnell (Trustee) and Marge Klaers (newly elected PPC member and liaison to the Social Civic Committee).

New Church Building Committee: The NCBC has decided on a combination of two delivery options, construction management and design build. They will be contacting architects and contractors, and starting the *Request for Proposal* process. The plan is to have five *RFPs* before Christmas, at which time a decision can be made. In the meantime we must begin to determine our space needs for our various ministries. These groups will be contacted in the coming weeks for input. Once this analysis is completed then a master plan will be formulated.

Finance Council: The FC recently met with the NCB Finance subcommittee. They discussed whether we should do an audit or review this year. // Sunday collections are still down. Questioned if there is a relationship between low collections and increased donations to the NCB fund. We need to educate the parish on the needs of both. // The school is projecting a decreased enrollment for next year. What efforts are we making to promote the Academy? Everyone must be involved!

Social Justice Committee: The Mother's Day corsages brought in \$350, selling 66 of them, which was down this year. Proceeds will go to support the pro-life cause. // The April baby shower went well. Thank you to everyone who contributed! // Representatives from Love INC of Delano are speaking at Masses on June 2nd/3rd. A questionnaire will be passed out asking for parishioners' feedback.

Building and Maintenance Committee: The BMC plans to jack up the sidewalks and trim trees over the summer. Also still need to paint parts of the outside of the church to preserve it as long as possible. Need to schedule a spring *Clean Up Day* at church. Still looking at a missal storage rack to be installed in each pew.

Liturgy Committee: The Seasonal Prayer Cards are great. // Increasing our Missal order by 30 seems to have solved our shortage issue. We do hope to have a storage rack installed in each pew.

Social Civic Committee: Family Game Night and Craft Day will be held in May. // Are considering having the *Cana Dinner* as part of *Winterfest*. // Are considering having Coffee & Rolls only once each month. They will run from October thru April. // The annual parish picnic will be September 23rd. // Should we offer more bingo events?

Fundraising Committee: Fundraising profits were up 12% over last year. The events this past year are believed to have raised the "fun factor" and increased community involvement. // Discussed the need to keep separate the various fundraisers, e.g., the summer quilt raffles and the freezie sales. // Still working on the fundraising calendar. We need to be respectful of the many sponsors we are requesting assistance/ donations from both inside and outside of the parish. Better organization is needed.

Faith Formation Committee: 25 students attended the Mexican Fiesta. // The Steubenville retreat has 10 students attending. // The Freezies fundraiser will take place over 6 weekends in July and August. // Totus Tuus (the faith formation event for youth grades pre-k to 12) is scheduled for June 17th – 22nd. All parish youth are invited! // The Loretto Fun Fest will be on September 15th from 4:00 – 10:00 PM. Our youth will be handling the cotton candy booth.

Education Committee: Spoke again about the need for professional marketing for the school with the decrease in the number of students enrolled next year. Discussed our current marketing efforts and the cost effectiveness of these efforts. Is there a parent/parishioner that might be able to help with a marketing plan that the parish/ school can implement themselves? Other area schools have been contacted and their enrollment is challenged as well or is stable, but none appear to be growing at this time. There are currently ~100 students attending the school. Need to evaluate our target market. Are we hitting them? Do we need to do a billboard? Blue marker sign? Eric will look into getting them. Talked about reorganizing the committee.

Chairperson/Vice Chair: All PPC members are invited to the fall Archdiocesan Stewardship workshop. Are there other parishioners who would like to attend this workshop and assist in "revamping" our stewardship efforts? // Discussed the value of our quarterly parish newsletter. Are there better ways to market our parish? The consensus was that the newsletter is a valuable marketing tool. In addition, all parishioners need to make an effort to promote our community to their family, friends, and neighbors.

Trustees: Thank you to our retiring PPC members --- Eric and Kristi. Your good work these past three years has been appreciated!

Pastor: Thank you to everyone for all their good work this past year. We should be proud of our efforts. // Everyone should realize that we are like every other parish and school in that we are going to struggle with communication issues. This is an ongoing two-fold challenge. First, as parish leaders we are called to respect, listen to, and respond to every parishioner's thoughts and concerns. Can we do this better? Certainly! How? This is the challenge. Second, every parishioner has a personal responsibility to step forward and take ownership of our parish. Can this be done better? Certainly! How? This is the challenge. Bottom line --- we all must "come to the table." // Should we change the current schedule for committee meetings? Perhaps our practice of holding a common meeting night for all committees should be re-evaluated.

Next Meeting: The PPC will gather for their annual retreat on August 28th at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo.

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