

Meeting Minutes: St. Peter's Parish Council Meeting
 Date: March 27, 2017

Present: Pat Prah, Mary Ellen Oeding, Father Mark Molling, Marion Munagian, Pat Kachur, Nick Healey
 Rochelle Verick, Logan Fitch, Mary Nugent, Pam Burki, Ryan Jonas, Laura Hendrickson

Excused:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-up	Person(s) Responsible
Meeting Called to Order	7:00	N/A	N/A
Opening Prayer	All	N/A	N/A
Minutes Approval	Approved with one change	N/A	All Council Members
Discussion Items/New Business			
New Council Member	Welcome to Ryan Jonas. Each member introduced themselves.	None	N/A
Christian Formation Fee	Revised policy for catechist, teachers, etc. discounts (a couple of months ago). School teachers who have children in the program get a free ride. Policy to be revised again, to give those individuals a 10% discount for every day they work a week, up to 50%. If approved, will become part of next years' budget. Will add \$500 to Suzanne's budget. Finance approved	All approved	All
Gifts to Confirmands Proposal	Last year a card sent around for each individual getting confirmed as well as copy of directory. Suzanne recommending a saint card with the saint that the individual has picked the name for themselves.	All approved	All
Curb Appeal – Garden Updates	10 women met to work on curb appeal for the church. See attached. Mary suggested putting something in the bulletin. May find individuals to donate specific amounts. Rochelle said they will put an easel in the back with a project plan of each section being developed. Mary also suggested the urn, but Rochelle didn't want to keep asking.	Options: Bulletin, Board, Urn, specific donation asks.	All
Technology Audit	Ryan suggested doing an audit. Already looked at Website. Paying \$300+ per year. Ryan drew up a proposal which would save around \$250 per year.	All agree a standalone committee is needed. Ryan to be the chair.	All, Ryan Jonas

	Started an audit of the remaining technology. Would be available to start a technology committee. Rochelle thinks this type of committee is needed in this day and age.		
Discussion Items/Old Business			
Stained Glass Window Dedication	No date yet for dedication. Waiting for windows to get finished. Progress is being made. 3 windows left to repair.	None	N/A
Gerard's Embrace	Diocese has proxy material back to Father Mark—a few changes needed. In process of redoing the lease. Need a Board of Directors meeting to sign the proxies and lease. Suzanne has contacted the insurance company to get this written up. Lead abatement next. Target date for opening is early to mid-September 2017.	None	N/A
Social Activities	See attachment. Looking at 3 rd Friday of every month. Fellowship game night. April 21 st will be the kick off night. Games are provided.	None	N/A
Father Twomey's Book	Needs someone to go through the book for editing and ideas. Now book costs \$51.60. If we order 100-299, drops to \$28. 300-500, \$24.90.	Most thought 300 would sell. Need to take back to Finance Committee to approve funding.	Rochelle
School Choice Informational Meeting – May 15(?)	Fr. Mark has not heard from the principals yet. Keep date available.	Fr. Mark will keep pushing	Fr. Mark
Long range issues			
Cluster churches	No update.	N/A	N/A
Capital improvements	Finance reviewing what was accomplished in past 16 months. Most of the buildings and grounds priority list have been addressed.	N/A	N/A
Committee Reports			
Building & Grounds	Wants a vote for safety locks for the school – this would allow for research to begin. Panic hardware, classroom knob replacements, security of exterior doors, to name a few. Mary asked if the rectory and church should be looked at as well. Pat Prah said that it would make sense to extend the technology to these buildings as well. Ryan asked if teachers have active shooter training (A.L.I.C.E.). No one knows if this has been done in the past. Pat Prah believes there is some training in this area. Canister lights to be replaced by LED – thoughts for future. Possible housings may need to be replaced as well. Gerard's Embrace – wiring from old rectory to	All approved – entire campus for locks. Nick to take this back to Bob. Mary suggested looking at ALICE program as well (Fr. Mark to do)	Nick Healey, Fr. Mark

	carriage house. Bids to run underground. Asbestos re-inspection for school needed. Fr. Mark approved PO on this. Inside church – radiators paint cracking. Looking into how to repair. Mortar on the outside of the church falling down – getting bids. Continue to get bids for basement.		
Youth	Each child needs to raise \$500 for mission trip. 15 kids going. Yard and House cleanup.	None	Logan Fitch
Christian Formation	First reconciliation with 2 nd graders. Getting ready for Easter Vigil for RCIA. First Communion prep as well. LIFTED, Men’s group, new prayer groups, also happening.	None	Fr. Mark
Human Concerns/Helping Hands	Nothing from Helping Hands. See attachment for Human Concerns.	None	Mary Ellen Oeding
School	No meeting last month – but want ideas how to raise money for STEM program. April 24, Robotic team highlighted on Channel 6.	Mary asked if they are pursuing grants and reach out to local businesses like Wisconsin Ovens. Rochelle suggested hosting a science and technology fair. Nick suggested advertising the school, connect with open house. Mary suggested this go back to Finance Council (cannot move forward with Finance until School Committee determines direction and plan) and School Committee. Pat Prah said this was something that should be worked with the cluster parishes as well. Council recommends School Committee determine plan for future advertising.	Laura Hendrickson
Athletic	No update	N/A	Laura Hendrickson
Finance	Tentatively passed the budget. Should have approval for final budget for next meeting. Pat Prah gave an investment report--Increased in value \$29,000 in 2 months. Contributions are down. May consider change in mass times.	None	Fr. Mark for Pat Kachur
Stewardship	Meeting 4/20 to plan for May Hospitality Sunday.	None	Pam Burki
Liturgy	Flower prep for Easter Flowers—no money needed to collect. Getting ready for Holy Week prep. Let Suzanne know if interested in getting feet washed on Holy		Pat Kachur, Fr. Mark

	Thursday. Encourage all to attend Easter Vigil.		
Technology	Committee not formed yet	N/A	Ryan Jonas
Pastor's report			
Brickbusters	Collected over \$1000 for their trip	N/A	N/A
Trustee's report			
None	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Meeting	April 24, 2017 at 7:00	N/A	N/A
Closing Prayer	All	N/A	N/A
Adjournment	8:51	N/A	N/A

HUMAN CONCERNS

3-13-17

Present: Heidi, Donna, Sue & Mary Ellen

OLD BUSINESS:

PRO-LIFE:

ELDERLY: Daily visits and assistants for the elderly continue, on a daily basis.

NATIONAL:

SOCIAL: Blood Bank is Saturday, March 25th, at the Heritage from 7:30-12:30. Four couples & 12 children attended P.of Y.C. supper. We've been hosting these suppers for 4 ½ years. It is a delight to watch these many children grow up.

LOCAL: World Day of Prayer was at the St. James Methodist parish this year on 3-5-17. \$141.00 was collected and the women of St. James donated the entire amount to Gerard's Embrace. What an unexpected surprise! Suzanne Kasper spoke at the Women's Club as their guest speaker about G.E.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRO-LIFE: March 28 Pro-Life WI will have a supper & guest speaker in Waukesha. Also, that day, is a daylong event: Catholics at the Capital. Sue & Heidi will attend.

ELDERLY: Sue would like to see a separate committee created for the elderly. A group that would review each case/request that comes to the rectory.

Senior luncheon will be held this Wednesday, March 15.

The staff at Whispering Willows are thankful for those who visit Jack Hopkins.

NATIONAL:

SOCIAL: St. Peter's will host Second Helping on 3-20-17; a St. Patrick's Day meal.

LOCAL: A ping pong & an air hockey table were donated to St. Joseph & St. Rose, inner city parishes of Milwaukee; many immigrants & 8 languages spoken!

LIASON REPORT: Nothing, as Mary Ellen missed Feb. pastoral council mtg.

*Respectfully,
Sue Healey*

HUMAN CONCERNS

2-13-17

Present: Donna & Sue

OLD BUSINESS:

PRO-LIFE: A 22 year old, from our parish, went to the March in D.C. the K.C.'s were kind to pay for half his fee (150.00). The experience of the trip moved him & he was so grateful to go. He wants to become very involved in pro-life activities.

ELDERLY: CCD students will take cards to Louise Mousic on Wed. Feb. 15th. And then the weekly volunteers will have a celebration at her home on the 19th. Louise will turn 100 on Feb. 17! She 'loves her daily visitors & their cooking'.

NATIONAL:

SOCIAL: Blood Bank had 44 donors & it went extremely well, now being held at the Heritage (no steps). A constant flow of donors came.

LOCAL:

NEW BUSINESS:

PRO-LIFE:

ELDERLY: Sr. luncheon will be held this Wednesday, Feb. 15th.

NATIONAL:

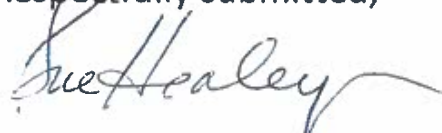
SOCIAL: Next Blood Bank is March 25th at the Heritage from 7:30-12:30. Parents of Young Children will be held on Sat. Feb. 25th, after 5:00pm mass, in the school cafe.

LOCAL:

LIASON REPORT: Mary Ellen is in severe back pain & we pray for her.

Next mtg. will be held at a new time, 4:00pm, on Monday, March 13th.

Respectfully submitted,



Fellowship Game Night Proposal -

The Plan

- The 3rd Friday of each month
- Meet in St Peter's Café
- Have 3 different games going
 - One card game
 - One board game
 - One new game
- BYOB- Bring your own beverage to include wine or beer
- For folks 21 years or older
- Bring a small snack/appetizer/dessert to share is optional
- Coffee will be provided

First Night

- April 21 from 7-10 PM
- Will play Sheepshead(cards), Mexican Train Dominoes(board), and Farkle(new)
- Advertise if folks need a ride for those who do not like to drive at night or need transportation

Comments

- Adjust time after review how first night goes
- Ask for 3 game suggestions for next month's night- could be the same, could change depending on the folk's ideas
- Possibly have KCs there selling beverages
- Possibly have other groups there selling food
- We want to keep it simple so everyone can enjoy some Fellowship
- Your thoughts and suggestions?

Thank you for helping with activities at our Parish & School!



**Mary's Garden Group
St. Peter the Apostle Church
East Troy, Wisconsin**

Parish Council Update
March, 2017

Our group met earlier this month to discuss the upcoming growing season. Nurturing God's beautiful earth is our motivator and knowing our Parish Family supports our endeavors is certainly uplifting.



What has been done since last summer?

- Fr. John's Garden was started (there's more to come!)
- The concrete in Mary's Garden was power washed and sealed
- 101 bulbs were planted in Mary's Garden plus a few by the new bench in Fr. John's Garden



What we're looking to do with our existing projects in 2017:

- **Mary's Garden**
 - Plant flowers as done in the past
 - Purchase an in-ground metal vase to be placed in front of the Virgin Mary statue and invite our parish family to place fresh flowers it
- **Fr. John's Garden** – our goal is to keep the garden simple and tidy
 - Plant flowers in the existing two planters
 - Propose adding low voltage lighting to the area
 - 2 or 4 "cans" aimed on the bible verse
 - Electrical outlet is available on the restroom side wall
 - Village does not require a permit if the light is aimed at the building
 - Propose purchasing a simple bird bath
 - Before the bible verse was stenciled, we painted only that portion of the wall. We propose painting the remaining wall on that same side
 - Propose embellishing the two windows on the bible verse side with a simple cross painted on top of each. See below.
 - Possibly add a hand painted sign "Parish Offices" near the front door
 - Propose adding a small boulder (18"-24" tall) and adhere a plaque engraved with:

Fr. John's Garden
In loving memory of Fr. John Twomey
1927-2016



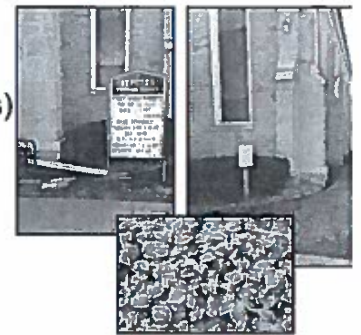
- **Flowers on the Square**

- Our tentative planting date is Friday, May 19th @ 5pm. Come join us!
- "Prayer on the Square"
 - Start on Wednesday June 7th @ 7pm on the Square
 - Continue each Wednesday throughout the summer
- Propose submitting a notice to the local paper inviting other churches to join
- The Village has approached us about formally recognizing our group for our efforts. We'll ask them to instead to come see us in action and to encourage the newspaper to write about our mission

☀ *New Project Ideas – our group is full of wonderful ideas! We feel these are the priorities:*

- **North side front of church – by the church sign**

- Propose boxing in the base of the sign and add plants or place two planters on each side of the sign (a design is still in the works)
- Propose removing the existing grass, add soil and a hearty ground cover (the soil is like concrete here)
- Propose purchasing another bench to match the teak one in Fr. John's Garden.
- Place pavers or stone under the aforementioned bench



- **Front of church – south side in front of the ramp**

- Propose removing the existing grass and lay sod (lots of foot traffic here)
- Propose a line of daylilies in front of the ramp (same variety as in Mary's Garden)
- There is another plot of grass in the front that needs amending. We can see what the cost is to amend this as well although we have no ideas at this time of how to beautify this area other than planting sod/grass.



- **Jesus Statue at Clothing Center**

- Propose removing the grass – approximately corner to corner
 - Keep the existing hosta that line the brick walls
- Plant ground cover
 - considering "vinca minor" (green with purple flowers in spring)
- Add bench facing the statue with stone pad beneath





What is all this going to cost? We haven't done any shopping or measuring just yet so we can only give you our estimates at this time. This includes hiring out for removing the grass in various areas. Landscapers who removed the grass at Fr. John's Garden had to use pick axes as the soil was hard as concrete.

- **Mary's Garden – we have available money from the initial fund raiser**
 - Flowers have historically run about \$100
 - In-ground vase is \$50
- **Fr. John's Garden**
 - Lights – estimate \$150
 - Flowers – estimate \$25
 - Bird bath – estimate \$100
 - Paint for wall and above windows – no cost as we have leftover paint
 - Large rock and plaque – rock will be donated. Getting estimate on plaque- estimate \$75
- **Flowers on the Square**
 - We would like to continue to ask for monetary donations from our parish family with placing the children's boots/watering can at the exit doors in church. If we run short, we will ask for financial help from the Village
- **North side of Church – by church sign**
 - Planter(s) estimate \$50-\$100 depending on what is chosen
 - Removing grass – estimate \$150 - \$200
 - Planting ground cover – many parishioners have this ground cover in their yards, so we may just ask for donations of it
 - Bench – estimate \$150
 - Stone beneath bench – either use excess stone from Fr. John's Garden or purchase inexpensive pavers – estimate \$40
- **Front of Church – south side in front of ramp**
 - Removing grass and adding sod – estimate \$350
 - Line of daylilies – estimate \$150-\$200
- **Jesus Statue at clothing center**
 - Removing grass – estimate \$400
 - Planting ground cover – “vinca minor” would have to be purchased. estimate \$200
 - Bench and stone pad - estimate \$300 – depending on type of bench
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Fertilizer and weed preventer \$50
 - Mulch \$200-\$250
 - Build a fund – we need funds available for future maintenance such as mulch and flowers.

We're setting a goal to raise \$3000 which does not include Mary's Garden or the Square Flowers

Note: In addition to beautifying the church grounds, we sometimes notice areas that can be a hazard. A concern is the walkway outside the parish office restrooms that run along the north side of the church. There is a large drop off from the sidewalk which is a hazard. If funds allow, perhaps we can address this area too.

How are we going to raise funds?

We would like to ask our Parish Family to support our efforts.

We feel that we owe it to our parish forefathers who raised funds, donated land, and poured their own time and effort into building St. Peter's nearly 150 years ago. These dedicated parishioners cut the stone and hauled it from the quarry without the aid of any mechanical devices. We have tall shoulders to stand on and we need to honor those who gave so much of themselves to build the church that we enjoy today. Enhancing our parish grounds is one way we can honor those before us and above all, to bring glory to God.

- Create a bulletin notice asking for donations
- Create a sign to be placed inside the church near the exit door highlighting our plans as we did when proposing the Mary's Garden project.
- Consider asking the Knights of Columbus if they are interested in donating funds toward these projects.