

Summary Minutes of St. Peter's Annual Meeting
On Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 11am, held in Church
Handout - St. Peter's Annual Report pamphlet

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Mary Hubbard-Nugent, Chair, Pastoral Council.

In attendance as speakers: Mary Hubbard-Nugent, Fr. Mark Molling-Pastor, Ron Knafflic-Finance Chair, Bob Kraus & Nick Healey-Building and Grounds Representatives, Sarah Halbesma-Principal, Suzanne Kasper-Pastoral Associate & Relig. Ed Director, and Pat Prahl-Trustee

Present: 50 Parishioners

Welcome was given by Mary with a little introduction on herself and reference to a puzzle and how all the little pieces (analogy) form one complete picture. Also referenced the agenda of speakers and our new brochure and introduced Father Mark.

Opening Prayer- Father Mark lead us in the Lord's Prayer followed by thanking all for being here. Offering refreshments in the Rectory following the meeting [special thanks to Kmiec's], thank you to the following for all that is done on a day-to-day basis and going above and beyond: Renee, MaryAnn, Sarah, and Suzanne, representative not just as themselves but many others as well. Asked Pastoral Council and Finance Council to stand [separately] and thanks given for keeping direction and focus of parish moving forward in a positive manner. Thanked parishioners for attending with special mention of Deacon Greg for his assistance, Suzanne for pastoral associate assistance, and Trustee(s) Pat Prahl (present) and Rochelle Verick (absent). Father stated that he is as happy today as the day he arrived in that we are a small parish doing as many things and offering as much if not more as larger parishes. Applauding those who work hard, are involved, and for those that are not to think how one could be more involved. Finally, many thanks to Ryan Jonas and Rochelle Verick for putting together the Annual Report for the 2016-2017 year, as seen within, overall our numbers are comparable to the historical average with the exception of Confirmation which down slightly from 2015-2016.

Finance & Budget: Ron introduced himself and offered warm welcome to new faces as well as familiar faces. Update as to Father John's gift, investment done in January, 2017 and in this short time gains have been upward of 7.5% and the goal is between 4.3% and 5.3%. There have been new policies and restrictions implemented to ensure that this wonderful gift will be with the parish for a long time. Note that just because we have this does not mean we have to spend it. Budgets, each department presents our committee with their budgets. There are long hours and lots of time donated by all during this time and it is appreciated. A highlight was that with the school, a few % less was needed from the parish this past year but a big surprise was that overall within the parish, our contributions have dropped 10%. The long-term effects of this will be that in 20-30 years we could be out of money. If 448 people every week would only increase their contributions by \$2.28 the problem would be solved. Suggestion that if you have been making

the same contribution for many years, please consider an increase. Inflation is real and affects Church too.

Buildings and Grounds: Bob began by referencing the list in the booklet/brochure that was handed out of projects that had been completed followed by a general list of what needs to be done in the near future. Examples were doors (exterior, classroom, and outside) being updated. Stonework at all 3 entrances needs to be repaired, toilets in school need to be replaced, carriage house needs some electrical upgrades. Hot ticket items are: the lift for handicap accessibility, roof repair/windows on rectory, ramp near church handicap entrance has rusty pole, the choir loft/roof has water damage that needs to be looked into, and school boilers are always in the minds of the buildings and grounds crew as they are only getting older and are going to cost more than \$100K to do when the time comes. Wrap up with Nick noting volunteer(s) donating so much time, Bob, Darryl, and Ryan (Jonas) and that they should get special thanks for this. Thanks to Ryan, the minutes for the meetings will now be posted on the website.

School Update: Began with Sarah introducing herself; 16th year at St. Peter's. Reference to booklet/brochure on school numbers. 2 more students starting in December. Proud of our school as even with the new schools going up we are still thriving. New this year is the Ordinary Time Committee which hosts the students in various activities from BINGO with senior citizens to the Thanksgiving Dinner, and Trick or Treat at The Heritage which is coming up, all St. Peter's mission based. Service projects are happening in way of St. Ben's offering hygiene products, eating communal meals with the homeless, and so on. The Thanksgiving Dinner coming up offers a great meal with all proceeds going to helping hands. New this year: The 8th graders going to the East Troy High School to take "AP" college credit classes; the STEAM lab helping the children to learn and create and teach adults rather than just adults teaching the children; and the kids are creating robots right now to do whatever they are programmed to do. Invitation for all to stop by the new lab and see what is happening and visit with the kids. Concluding with a thank you to the parish community for continued support of the school.

Religious Education: Suzanne began with thanking everyone for their support and was surprised how fast time goes as this is her 19th year at St. Peter's. She is thankful that she has the opportunity to teach, lead, and bring children to the Sacraments. There is more information in the beautiful brochure that was created on her program stats.

Cemetery Updates & Mausoleum: Pat Prael began with introducing the cemetery committee, which includes Fred & Judy Kmiec, Joe H., and Larry Mitten. Currently we have sold 21% of the niche's available, 15% of the crypts, and 18% of the mausoleum. Currently we have collected 68% of the total construction costs. Projects this spring consist of landscaping around the mausoleum, shed for tools, and equipment as needed.

Questions and Comments: Deacon Greg spoke that the numbers Ron spoke of were interesting and wondered about incorporating this information into Mass to which Ron responded that with a 5% drop in attendance a small addition/contribution is all it would take. Conversation was held about our attendance compared to the Archdiocese, which is very comparable according to Fr. Mark. The Archdiocese reports 20-25% and we are considerably above that. Ron mentioned

religious research he did and that while non-denominational is the highest we as Catholics have twice as many as Lutherans. Father Mark encouraged extending invitation to come to church to neighbors, friends, relatives sometimes just an invitation is all it takes. School choice was brought up and if there were any steps toward this to increase the number of schoolchildren to which Ron replied we are looking into. The school could handle this if the number of students increased as its set up for 190 students. Recent vandalism at the cemetery was brought up to which Pat responded that it did happen and it was the first that he can ever remember it happening. They are looking into solar lighting, as there is no electricity out at the cemetery. A large conversation ensued regarding schoolchildren's families lack of attending Mass on the weekend vs. just Friday morning to which Father Mark asked that with small children in church we all need to be patient, our young people at mass attendance has declined.

Final Note from Fr. Mark: Thanks again to Ryan Jonas for his assistance with upgrading and assisting with all technology at St. Peter's, i.e. Website, Facebook Page, and within the office. Followed by a particular thanks to Renee for doing a tremendous job with the changes and continuing to learn even taking classes.

Closing Prayer given by Father Mark.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by
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