

Saint Peter's Parish Council Minutes

March 10, 2016

7:30 pm

Members present: Father Hahn, Sister Amelia Mary, Pat Corcoran, Mary Elsass, Eric Rinehart
Dick Black

Guest: Father Dooley

Absent Members: Greg Corcoran, Ben Rusnak, Dave Neal

Pat called the meeting to order, and Father Hahn led in prayer

OLD BUSINESS

___ BOOK DISCUSSION: FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

GENERAL COMMENTS: Salvation of many depend on prayers of a few.

Expanding the kingdom of GOD is spiritual warfare with the Devil.

All members should know Saint Peter's Mission Statement. (we are a Christian Community who actively desires to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We will know Him through worship and prayer. We Will love and serve Him by meeting the needs of others and bringing Them to Him.)

EVANGELIZATION: How does one move outside his/her comfort zone to reach out and evangelize?
Parish disciples to remove barriers to evangelization.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Suggestion made to put an issue relating to our Parish or the Community that
Is in need of prayer, in the weekly church bulletin, requesting members pray
for a positive Godly outcome.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for Parish Council will begin April,18,2016 thru May 8,2016. Selections will be made May 22,2016. Pat Corcoran and Ben Rusnak terms end this year.

The Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday June 26, 2016.

The next Parish Council Meeting is June 9,2016 @ 7:30 pm.

Pat adjourned the meeting and Father Dooley led with a prayer,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUR LADY OUTREACH NETWORK--- Sister Amelia Mary

Our Lady Outreach Network, (OLON) is the mission arm of Saint Peter's/Saint Mary's youth group in Chillicothe.

During July 2016 a trip is planned to Mexico City and Puebla Mexico. In Mexico City as pilgrims, we visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We want to gain the indulgence for the Year of Mercy initiated by Pope Francis. While at the Basilica we will pray for those we will serve while in Mexico, as well as the benefactors who have made the trip possible.

We will visit women who are being cared for by Mater Filius who safeguards the lives and defends the dignity of mothers regardless of how their child was conceived. We will spend time with the mothers and their children to hear their testimonials and they ours. Mater Filius is growing and we will assist in the construction of a new home. Truly Our Lady has led us to such a wonderful organization.

We will also visit the Casa Hogar orphanage for abandoned mentally challenged Children. At the Casa Hogar, they know our Lord and Our Lady haven't abandoned them.

Thank you for your financial support of our trip. You will be in our prayers and on the mission and pilgrimage with us.

Muchas gracias y La Paz de Cristo!

CHOIR AND UGANDA MISSION---Pat Corcoran

CHOIR REPORT- Throughout the Lenten season, the choir has been singing the Introit, the Offertory Antiphon, and the Communion Antiphon in Chant at the 11:30 Mass.

The choir is preparing for the Sacred Triduum which will include the solemn tones of Good Friday, and Holy Thursday with the joyful celebration of the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday. We want to thank our choir members for their faithful service.

UGANDA MISSION

We have the limit of ten members for the Mission. There are five members from Saint Peter's, one from Saint Coleman's, and four from outside the consortium. The medical professionals in our group may have the opportunity to perform some health screenings.

The group is taking shoes that grow with the children at the orphanage. The shoes are adjustable and will accommodate approx. 5 years of growth. 120 pairs are needed and the cost is approx. \$2,000. Laura Corcoran is currently at Miryante and is measuring the feet of the children to determine the two sizes needed. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE---Leigh Ann Meeker

There was one bereavement since last meeting, for Steve Dennis on Feb. 1, 2016. Approx. 125 people were in attendance.

GARDEN CLUB---Leigh Ann Meeker

Gearing up for spring, and have purchased Mulch from Boy Scout Troop 14. In process of ordering annual flowers in April to be planted before Mother's Day.

PARISH LIBRARY---Maggie Preston

An anonymous donor donated 9 boxes of books for the library. Our priests reviewed the books and we ended up with 6 ½ boxes suitable for our library. Nancy King (candidate for RCIA) volunteered to help.

50 PLUS GROUP---Mary Elsass

Activities have been suspended until after Easter. We are seeking suggestions for future programs and events. The last meeting Nov. 16 included a presentation by Mary Ann Brown on the life and family of Thomas Worthington. A program by Sue Schwartz of the Ross County Genealogical Society was cancelled twice because of inclement weather, and our members lack of interest.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL---Mary Elsass

Support for our mission to serve the poor is continually growing. Donations of food and money is increasing and the 20 members who meet with clients and staffing the food pantry is greatly appreciated. The 40 cans for Lent proposed and managed by our Knights of Columbus council of Saint Peter's is providing significant food and supplies for the pantry. On Saturday, March 12, we are hosting a regional (South Rural District) training session for Vincentians from churches in Ross, Pickaway and Scioto Counties. Facilitators from Columbus will present the day long program for more than 40 participants.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT---Jennifer French

We meet each Thursday and the teens enjoy the YDisciple Program and the adult mentors.

Christmas cards were made for Nursing home residents and were passed out during caroling the Sunday before Christmas.

March for Life, there were 76 pilgrims and 2 buses. Approximately 15 pilgrims from St. Colman, and 2 seminarians from the Josephinum attended. Unfortunately, the trip was cancelled by Father Hahn the day of the March because of the impending blizzard. We did make a visit to the Franciscan Monastery near the Basilica before the Vigil Mass before heading home before the blizzard.

On March 6, the Culture Project made a stop at Saint Peter's and presented Sexual Integrity to the teens. We enjoyed pizza and social time following the presentation.

On April 9, there is a social night in the Parish Hall, dinner and a movie for the teens.

Ben Rusnak, Carrie Hawk, Father Dooley and the Sisters July 8-10 will be leading 10 teens to the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio for a youth conference.

Father Hartge, Bob Kight, Bobbi Smith and Robin Flannagan will take a group of our teens to Mexico for mission work at Matre Filias.

SACRAMENTAL PREP: Family Life Coordinator—Judy Harness

Baptisms: Dec. 2: Jan.1: Feb. 2: 2 planned for March and 1 for April.

First Communions: 13 children will receive first communion this year. They attended 2 events, both service and spiritual formation activities. The boys went to a homeless shelter and adoration night in Columbus at the Holy Family Parish in December. The girls attended a retreat in Portsmouth with Sr. Miriam James, author of "Love as I am". They then went to a women's shelter in Waverly to donate food items. The other service retreat night was held at Saint Peter's where the children assisted with the Dinner Theater. After the theater, they attended an hour of adoration with sacred music in the church.

Marriage Prep: there are 4 couples preparing for marriage at Saint Peter's this spring/summer. The couples had their precana dinner in February. They previewed a new video series on marriage called, "HUMANUM" which I plan to present in late summer or early fall to all married couples in the parish.

RCIA: Going well, retreat is planned Saturday, March 12.

YOUTH GROUP:

Middle School youth group meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

December visited nursing homes, January assisted with the baby bottle campaign. In February they created and provided a bingo game for the Faith and Light participants. This month they are going to fill lunch bags for needy youth in the Chillicothe Schools to take home for the weekend. After this service, we will see a movie on the Young Messiah.

CREIGHTON MODEL NEWS:

We are fortunate to be the recipients of the Catholic Foundation funding for the Divine Mercy for Life Project. Dr. Thompson will complete her training at the Pope Paul VI Institute in April. We are now working with E-Hope to begin new programs for Abortion Pill Reversal as well a long term plan to obtain a unit to provide STD screenings and ultrasounds.

Mom's Prayer Group:

Carrie Hawk is leading a women's bible study on Wednesday evenings. There are five participants in the group.

Submitted by: Dick Black

