

SAINT PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16,2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Hahn, Sr. Zephрина Mary, Deacon Hauser, Mary Elsass, Alicia Thompson,
Eric Rinehart, and Dick Black**

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Dave Neal, Father Dooley, and Lynn Anderson

Father HAHN OPENED THE MEETING WITH A PRAYER.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Handicap parking—several parishioners made a suggestion that the curb area directly in front of the church be permanently made a handicap parking area by painting the curb and applying the Handicap symbol permanently in handicap blue. Eric Rinehart suggested the city would apply the symbol. Father Hahn to take up with the finance committee and cover the decision in his Pastor's letter in the church bulletin.
2. Parish Census Follow Up—over a hundred members did not return the census request. Council Members followed up by calling on the phone. Many church members did not answer the phone or return calls. There were also many members whose phone numbers were out of date. Jenny is to send postcards requesting they send in their census reports. At this time, it is not known how many parishioners did send in their census reports.
3. Marian Consecration follow up. The march to the courthouse and Rosary were well attended. Eric to contact Chris Hiles on how many made the Consecration to Mary.

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OLD OR OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Book Discussion: Forming a Parish of Intentional Disciples-Chapter 7,(Rethinking Youth Ministry).

COMMENTS MADE:

- (1) The family leads in spiritual formation and guidance of their children.
 - (2) The family is most the most important factor in their children continuing Church attendance.
 - (3) Children need a sense of BELONGING. Their faith then follows.
 - (4) This summer, at Saint Peter's, small groups of young children are to learn about The Saints and Catechesis.
2. NEW PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: (A COMMUNITY FOUNDED ON ADORATION AND PRESCENCE TO THE POOR)
 - (1) All agreed the new mission statement is a great success.
 3. Parish Octoberfest review.

Attendance slightly down when compared to last year. Please see the OLON quarterly report By Bob and Kathy Dye for further information.

PASTOR REPORT:

Father Hahn indicated a new handrail was needed in the choral loft, and a handrail was being considered on the marble stairs leading to the Lectern.

Deacon Hauser closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for: March 8, 2018 at 7:15 pm.