

St. Peter Parish Council Ministries

March 12, 2015

7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Members present:** Father Hahn, Sister Amelia Mary, Amanda Bayless, Greg Corcoran, Ben Rusnak, Pat Corcoran

Excused: Steve Mihelich and Mark Shifko

**Call to Order:** The meeting came to order at 7:30 pm with a prayer led by Father Hahn

### **Old Business**

**Hall Renovation:** The hall renovation is near completion. The open house and blessing is planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The elevator is almost complete and the inspection will be done soon.

The floor in the hall will have to be redone because of some visible imperfections after the first finish was put down. In addition, the floors in the upstairs classrooms will also be refinished at that time. The floor in the convent chapel will also be refinished. Father Hahn took the council for a tour of the building after the meeting.

**Sisters:** The sisters have gotten the necessary clearance to visit patients at the VA hospital, but are still trying to get clearance to visit the inmates at the prison. The sisters are also involved with St. Vincent de Paul. They give spiritual support to the people who come to the office for assistance.

### **New Business**

**Parish Picnic Discussion:** The picnic is tentatively scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. A committee will be formed by parish council to work out all the details of the picnic and get volunteers to help out. Last year's picnic went very well so some of the same ideas will be considered for this year.

**Parish Council Elections:** Nominations will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. The announcement will be in the bulletin April 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominations will go through until May 10<sup>th</sup>. The names will be drawn out on Pentecost Sunday on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 mass.

**Booth at the Ross County Fair:** The booth was a big success last year, especially the cardboard standup of Pope Francis. We plan to have more articles to hand out to people this year and also more rosaries. There were 300 rosaries on hand last year and they went quickly, so there will need to be quite a lot more this year. The date for the fair is August 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and we will be seeking volunteers to run the booth.

**Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples:** The council will be reading the first two chapters and will discuss them at the next meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**Library:** Maggie Preston is now running the library. The library continues to grow thanks to the donations of many parish members. There will be a need for more shelves as more books are received. Also, a computer in the library would be helpful to keep track of books coming in and out.

**PSR:** As of Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> they have 51 students registered. They have very good attendance with two classes cancelled due to bad weather. They had their second 'Fun Sunday' which rewards good attendance and attitude on February 15<sup>th</sup>. In celebration of Saint Valentine's Day and preparation for Ash

Wednesday they dubbed it 'Fun Fat Sunday'. They began the day with a discussion of Lent and writing down our Lenten plans which we gathered and offered to God in prayer. As a group project we plan to fill our rice bowls for Catholic charities and collect food for Saint Vincent de Paul. The children shared valentines with each other and made valentines for nursing home residents that will be delivered to Heartland. Each student made a clay crown of thorns by inserting toothpicks for thorns. During Lent they will remove a thorn from Christ's crown when they have a successful week. Mike Corcoran brought in a cotton candy machine and made treats for all the children and had lots of other fun foods too. The children rotated between music and dancing, playing board games and floor games, as well as watching a movie. The children would like to thank the parish for the donuts they get to share every Sunday, however those have been abstained from during Lent. There has been a great deal of growth this year both spiritually and faith knowledge. Come visit us anytime.

**Bible Study:** The Tuesday Bible Study has had great adventures studying the Bible timeline. There is only seven of them but they have become good friends in faith through this journey. The knowledge they have gained is beyond measure. They have only five classes left and hate to see it come to an end.

The Sunday Bible Study has finished and went very well. They are looking forward to next fall to continue their studies.

**RCIA:** They had nine people coming into the church at the Easter Vigil. There is a pilgrimage scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> to Carey, Ohio.

Submitted by Amanda Bayless

**D.C.C.W:** Brief background on DCCW: DCCW is a branch of the National Council of Catholic Women. Their main website is nccw.org. DCCW or ADCCW are the diocesan branches of NCCW, which is affiliated with the USCCB (Bishops). Bishops of course have authority over the councils. The next level is the Deanery Level: St. Peter's is in the Southern Area Deanery. Our deanery is most consistently active Deaneries. To me the best attribute of DCCW is the Deanery meetings, where ladies from different parishes talk about what the parishes are doing and offer advice for various projects. It is great to hear what other parishes are doing-what great ideas for fellowship and fundraising. Our deanery and two in Columbus appear to be the only active Deaneries at this time. Per Deacon Berg, DCCW's moderator, the Bishop Campbell would like to evaluate the function of DCCW. The DCCW Board is to meet about it in May (unfortunately the same weekend as my daughter Andrea is graduating from Franciscan University). DCCW is charged with fundraising for Catholics for the prevention and cure for cancer. The uncertainty of possible restructuring/redefining has tended to slow down encouraging more membership and activity. At St. Peter's, we had the baby bottle drive for Elizabeth's Hope. We join other parishes in getting a bus to the Catholic Women's Convention and we plan to have a fundraiser July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Women's Council (Often Donna & I) continue to keep contact with all signed up for Adoration on Thursdays. We assist with other duties and projects in the Parish. The council is not a separate nor exclusive of other activities in the Parish. Two upcoming events: DCCW Silent Retreat at the St. Teresa Retreat Center on the last weekend in April and assisting at the reception at the Jubilee of Anniversaries in June.

Annette Roth

Submitted by Greg Corcoran

**Bishop Flaget School:** The school has had many calendar changes due to weather. The last day of school now is May 28<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is May 27<sup>th</sup>. The reverse raffle and Spring Fling is coming up March 21<sup>st</sup> and tickets are \$40.

**Knights of Columbus:** The K of C has four new members: Joe Schuman, Joe Herlihy, Ben Rusnak, and Nick French. There will be a pancake breakfast on May 17<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 and 11:30 masses. The Knight of the Year banquet is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 5:00 mass.

**Adena Corporate Board:** The Adena Board approved the hiring of a Chief Operating Officer. The COO, Eric Cecava, was hired from within the Adena Health System managers. The reason that the Board decided to proceed with this additional cost was the fact that the CEO, Mark Shuter, was becoming overwhelmed with the day to day operations of Adena Health Systems and serving as the CEO. The COO will now be more heavily involved in the day to day operations of the entire Adena Family.

At last year's Annual Board Meeting, Mark Shuter, CEO announced his vision for Adena Health Systems by doubling the number of employees, from 2,500 to 5,000, over the next five years. That is quite ambitious and it remains to be seen if that can be accomplished.

Adena Health Systems continues to work through the phases of the Affordable Health Care Act, which not only provides health care coverage to the previously uninsured but mandates that hospitals cut costs such as limiting the number of patient days for a hospital stay, readmissions to a hospital following treatment, home care, etc. I'm proud that Adena has been recognized for being a pioneer in providing home health care to those who are in need of health care (preventive and follow up) and do not have means of coming to a physician's office. This pilot project was instituted by Adena in Pike County and is fast becoming a national model.

I hope that Parish Council members, the Sister and Father Hahn have a very blessed Easter!

Joe Sulzer

Submitted by Mark Shifko

**Deanery Report:** Pat Corcoran filled in for Michael Feltis as Deanery Rep.

This was the first meeting of the new Deanery which encompasses Scioto, Pike, Ross, Jackson and Fayette counties. Seven parishes were represented at this meeting.

Fr. Joe Yoakum, Pastor of St. Peter parish in Wheelersburg and St. Monica in New Boston, is the Dean of this new deanery. He hoped to put together some deanery function that will focus on the family in this Year of the Family. It was suggested that it be held during Lent in 2016.

It was decided that meetings would be held at 3 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of May, September and January. The meetings will last approx. one hour and all other business and communication will be conducted by e-mail. Katie Boesch from Chillicothe St. Mary will compile a list of representatives and their contact information.

Each rep gave a brief report of happenings in their parish. The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Waverly on May 17th. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Pat Corcoran

**High School Youth Group:** In December, we went to Westmoreland Nursing Home to help delivery present and sing carols there.

We travelled to Washington DC January 21 and 22 for the March for Life. We were excited to have seats this year. We also had a biggest group yet. 48 from Chillicothe only attended this year. We loved having the sisters with us as well as Seminarian Brett Garland, Deacon Hauser and Fr. Hahn. We had 19 teens from grade 8 to High School seniors and 11 young adults from age 18-25. We also had two foreign exchange students with us this year, one from Switzerland and one from Italy. While there, we also stopped at Arlington Cemetery, and the War Memorials.

We have been struggling with having weekly meetings due to the weather conditions. We do not meet when school is not in session.

We hope to continue to work through the Decision Point program, which the teens seem to be enjoying. We have reservations for some of our teens and adult leaders to attend the Youth Conference at the Franciscan University in Steubenville.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society:** From October 1, 2014 (beginning of our Fiscal Year) through our meeting of January 5, 2015 (3 months Oct-Nov-Dec) we had 204 calls resulting in assistance to 766 people. From the month of January forward our statistics will show visits to the food pantry.

Submitted by Bob Kight

Father Hahn took the council for a tour of the building. The project is almost complete. The floor in the hall is going to be refinished due to some minor imperfections. The floors in the upstairs classrooms are getting refinished and the elevator needs to be inspected. The project will then be complete except for some finishing touches in various places around the building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Kight  
Parish Council Secretary

**Next Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**