

SAINT PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 8, 2018

A COMMUNITY FOUNDED ON ADORATION AND PRESENCE TO THE POOR

Members Present: Father Hahn, Father Dooley, Sister Zephрина Mary, Deacon Hauser, Eric Rinehart,
Mary Elsass, Alicia Thompson, Toni Glandon, Lynn Anderson, and Dick Black

Excused Absence: Dave Neal

Eric called the meeting to order. Father opened meeting with a prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS, SELECTIONS: Nominations April 22, 2018, drawings May 20, 2018.

Three members and one alternate will be selected.

PARISH PICNIC: July 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

FLEA MARKET: April 27 and 28, 2018.

FUND RAISING: Funds are being raised to provide for a Pastoral Room at the Adena E.R.

Adena CEO, Jeff Graham to give a presentation at the 12:30 pm Knights of Columbus breakfast
Tentatively in April 2018. For further information, see Father Hahn's letter From the Pastor's
Desk, attached.

OLD OR OTHER BUSINESS:

CENSUS UPDATE:

554 Registered members were contacted. 225 member census reports were returned.

SUGGESTION MADE:

A longer based microphone is needed at the podium. The longer microphone would allow the
Microphone to be centered on the speaker. The result would be all speakers would be easier
heard and understood.

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 12, 2018 AT 7:15 pm.

Sister Zephрина Mary closed the meeting with a prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

SISTERHOOD OF FROGGED STITCHES, MARCH/APRIL 2018

We are working on:

- (1) Mini prayer clothes for the Sisters
- (2) Afghans for each person in a Habit for Humanity Home.
- (3) Baby Blankets for Baptisms
- (4) Chemo caps for Adena patients
- (5) Scarves for "Chase the Chill" which go to the homeless
- (6) Lap throws for shut-ins at Christmas. This year we plan to take pieces of material and put Crocheted edges on them to make lap blankets. We saw this technique and decided to give it a Try.

We are happy to report that we have also applied to become a Crochet Guild with the Crochet Guild Of America. We hope this will help the community see us and perhaps become a better group for Our community. We would love to see more people in our community get involved in our group.

Thank you for your support and we hope we are doing well.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENTS.

SUBMITTED BY: Dick Black

From the Pastor's Desk

You may have seen in the ad for the CCW's Flea Market that the money raised is going to help for a pastoral care room at Adena in the new E.R. The corporate churches are trying to raise \$6250 each to help with this endeavor. It will provide a quiet room within the ER that ministers can meet with family of patients. Having spent some time with families in the chaos of the ER in the hospital at emotional times, I can assure you this is a good project, a real need. We also hope to solicit further support from parishioners in the future to help us meet our church goal for this.

However, at this time I wanted to briefly remind you of our relationship with Adena and why we are a "Corporate Member."

In 1895 a tragic train accident occurred just outside of Chillicothe. There were no nearby medical facilities and citizens had to simply bring them into their homes and do the best they could for the victims of the accident. Afterwards, the churches of the community got together and raised funds and established an Emergency Hospital which in time developed into the Adena Health System. Those nine churches are still the controlling board members, among them are St. Peter's and St. Mary's each holding a board representative. The representative for our parish is Bob French.

In addition to the nine church corporate members there can also be up to six at-large members elected by the board. This board oversees the hospital. They are responsible for hiring and firing of the CEO and administration and ensuring that it runs well. This is a great responsibility and we thank Bob French for his service on the board (as well as past representatives including Joe Sulzer, Mike Lilly, and Pat Corcoran within my tenure as well as the many before then).

In Christ,
Fr. Hahn

From Leigh Ann Meeker

Bereavement Committee: The Bereavement Committee provided 4 meals to families of our parish in the month of November. We fortunately did not have any in the month of December 2017. On January 13, 2018, I had to cancel a planned meal for Lib Fisher because of the snow and Level 3 Emergency. Luckily, the family was able to have the funeral the next day and we provided a meal for them. This was the first time i have ever had to cancel a planned meal. In February, we had 2 bereavements. As always, the families are generous with their gratitude and donations so that we may continue this important committee. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who either donate their time, providing a dish or monetary donations I could not do this without them.

Garden Club: No report

50+ Club: No report

From Mary Elsass

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Just as the number of our clients increases, so do the generous donations of food and dollars. It never fails! Our parishioners, Flaget students, PSR and Young Adult groups, and other local organizations and businesses step up every time. We are grateful for all these blessings and for God's continuing graces that allow us to live our parish mission of "presence to the poor." In addition to providing food and assistance with utility and medical bills, we serve the Alvis House residents (men and women) with birth certificates, state IDs, clothing and shoes needed to seek and find local employment. And occasionally, we have helped them and others furnish the apartments they move into as they become self-sufficient. We are privileged to listen, work and pray with our brothers and sisters in God's family.

From Maggie Preston

Parish Library: We continue to receive generous donations of books, both gently used and new. Recently added authors and subjects include a variety of faith-related topics in works by respected and popular Catholic writers. The library is open during regular office hours. Visitors are encouraged to stop in, browse the shelves, and sign out a book or two (or more) for readers of all ages.

Parish Activities: No report

**Youth and Evangelization
Parish Council Report
03/08/2018**

Faith and Light

The Faith and Light program has a monthly gathering after Wednesday night Mass in Waverly at the residential home of two members of St. Mary Queen of Missions.

The gatherings usually have some basic elements

- Snack and Update: We talk about life in between gatherings
- Bible study: Simple talking points usually focused on Mass readings
- Music: We will listen to or sing a song together
- Prayer requests
- Closing prayer

High School Youth Group

The past few months the high school youth group has had the opportunity to participate 2 National events:

- National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- March for Life, Washington DC

The youth have done service projects by sending handmade Christmas cards with King size Hershey bars to the Seminarians at the Josephinum as well as making Valentine cards for Cheryl's House of Hope in Chillicothe.

The reviving of the Dead Theologians Society has been a great new element for the youth group and is the most popular of our cycle of gatherings. Our cycle of gatherings consists of:

- Social gatherings
- Service projects
- Dead Theologian Society
- Worship and Adoration

An upcoming activity, March 22nd, for the youth group will be walking Stations of the Cross. The youth group along with young adults and Knights of Columbus did this last year. Walking stations incorporates meditations and prayer for our community at specific locations throughout the downtown area while carry a large wooden cross.

Middle School Youth Group

Middle school youth group gathers once per month a Bishop Flaget, which provides a space to have physical activity and games as well as teaching. The theme for this year is Saints Row which is loosely based on the concept of the Dead Theologians Society. Each month a young Saint is chosen and students have the opportunity learn about the life of the Saint through activity and reflection.

RCIA/Evangelization

Currently there are 12 participants moving toward initiation Sacraments at Easter Vigil

- 8 Candidates
- 4 Catechumens/Elect

This year during RCIA current Catholics were invited to participate, along with more well formed RCIA candidates, in an 11 week series titled The Bible and the Sacraments. Based on the conversation and excitement of the participating Catholic, this has been a great internal evangelization tool.

The St. Vincent DePaul days have also proven to be a beneficial time of evangelization through distribution of Rosaries, holy cards, and medals as well as face to face conversation. Opportunity for evangelization abounds through this ministry of our Parish.

Parish Council Reports

Infant of Prague Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Our records currently show that we have about 211 Adorers in the Perpetual Adoration program. We have three hours that have only one adorer. Our main goal is to have two adorers per hour. Given the size of our parish, the Adoration Program is strong.

I. Furniture

My brother, Dennis Dooley, constructed altar statue pedestals for the Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These match quite well with the main altar. We are also constructing an altar statue shelf for the Infant of Prague. Our own parishioner, Pete Pennington, is working on this project. Finally, the Harness family has donated an image of the Divine Mercy. This will be hung up soon. Lighting improvements are being looked into as well.

II. Possible New Software

I was alerted of a new program entitled *We Adore Him*. This has not been released yet (still in testing phase), but it a program designed for parishes with Perpetual adoration chapels and programs. This program allows us to schedule much faster and easier. Moreover, communication is a key for this program. If there is someone who needs a substitute or if there is bad weather, the program will send emails and/or text messages to adorers to alert them.

There is also the option of having an iPad or tablet at the entrance of the chapel for adorers to sign in. This would show what hours really need coverage by attendance.

I am not sure when this will be released to the public. The website says sometime in the spring of this year. We will explore this option once it becomes available to the public.

III. Adoration Drive

I have been in discussions with Greg and Alicia Thompson in regards to inviting new adorers in our parish. We are brainstorming to see how we can get new parishioners to participate. We hope to start our ‘Adoration Drive’ soon. Fr. Hahn suggested we begin this in the Fall Season. We hope to begin this new Adoration Drive in conjunction with the *We Adore Him* software.

IV. Communication

During inclement weather this winter, we were able to get the word out quite fast. We will close the Adoration Chapel when it is a Level 2 or 3 snow emergency. Bulletin announcements during the winter season and Facebook helped greatly. Moreover, adorers understand the directives to close the tabernacle doors when the next adorer does not arrive. We only hope to improve our communication with the new software.

Submitted: Fr. Sean Dooley

The Secular Franciscan Group is still meeting weekly and monthly to learn more of the Rule of St. Francis. Currently, our members are choosing their religious professed names as they move forward in the community. The group meets on most Thursdays to pray Vespers and have a brief discussion. Finally, we are looking to name this particular Franciscan group in the parish. The name must be of a Franciscan saint. We will announce the name to the parish. We continue to grow in Franciscan spirituality.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Submitted by: Sr. Leonard Mary

Parish Council Updates

Family Life Coordinator

Jan-Mar 2018

I. Baptisms

- a. One baptism in Jan: Tedesco (my grandson!)
- b. Instruction done for RCIA on 2/27 on Baptism/Confirmation
- c. Preparing for a baptism in April currently planning to meet with parents soon

II. Marriage

- a. We have 3 St Peter's weddings in the planning phases: one is out of state
- b. We held our annual Pre-Cana dinner night on Feb. 24th. We had 3 couples preparing for marriage in attendance from the consortium parishes and 2 newly married (less than 5 years) attend along with our team. A good night was enjoyed by all!
- c. I will be teaching the Theology of the Body-Feminine Genius talk for St. Colman and for St. Peter RCIA this spring.

III. Creighton Model

I attended the Center meeting on March 1 at St. Ann's in Westerville. I am currently working with 5 couples and have 2 introductory sessions scheduled for March. (Please pray for couples with infertility—3 of my couples are facing this challenge now and would appreciate your prayers!)

IV. Divine Mercy

- a. We have been in formation under the Marians to become ministers of the Divine Mercy in the Holy Face of Jesus out of New York. However, due to a reanalysis of our parish needs and our goals, we will be discontinuing this formation process and return to our original cenacle formation focusing only on the Diary of Faustina and taking the message of mercy to the bedside of the sick and dying. We meet this Friday and will be taking assignments for visitation to members of our parish who have been recommended for a visit. I will be speaking at the masses this Sunday to raise awareness about our ministry and to announce plans for a second group to begin Divine Mercy Sunday. We will need more mercy messengers as we move into the coming years. And finally, a new image of the Divine Mercy has been purchased for the Adoration Chapel.
- b. Also members of the cenacle will be leading the prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the novena this year each day at 3pm.

V. Little Flowers

Our Little Flowers girls club has been meeting since Sept. We are now planning for end of the year events: May 6th we will be taking up the offertory and will be recognized at this Mass. May 20th is our mother daughter tea and will be the end of the year celebration. Awards will be given at this time.

VI. Community Work

- a. Ross County Right to Life held the first ever March for Life Ross County on Jan. 22. We had 165 people in attendance and all who attended said it was a great event. We will continue this annually and hopefully see it grow over time. Chillicothe Gazette gave us good coverage and highlighted the work of Elizabeth's Hope locally. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 6:15 and we will be discussing upcoming sales for geraniums as well as an idea to fund a local display for life.
- b. Mercy Home has purchased a home on Paint St. We are working with them to assist in getting resources to help get started in their mission to provide a home and family mentoring to homeless pregnant moms. Angela Pridemore is the Exec. Director of this mission and is doing amazing work.

Parish Council Updates

Music ministry

March 2018

Laura continues to take organ lessons from Dr. Jason Keefer, Director of Sacred Music at the Josephinum. Dr. Keefer made a visit to St. Peter's before Christmas to set the stops on the organ. Using different stops enables Laura to quickly change the sound of the organ.

Cantors at the 8:00 Mass have worked on special pieces to sing prior to Mass.

The choir is working on the music for Holy Week and Easter.

Gwyneth Noel, a high school student in our parish, plays the violin and has offered to play at weddings. She does a beautiful job! Parishioners are encouraged to contact Jenny French for more information.

Uganda Mission Team

The dates of the mission trip are from July 26 to August 7. The team has been looking into ideas for service projects and hopes to purchase tickets soon.

K of C Council 15793 has had a busy winter.

We have hosted monthly **pancake breakfasts** and helped with the BFS Catholic Schools Week breakfast in January.

We held an Advent **religious article sale** in December and will be doing the same at the 3rd Sunday Pancake Breakfast in March.

Prior to Christmas, several Knights helped **deliver sleeping bags and other personal hygiene to homeless campsites around the area**. To witness the unseen economy and culture that exists right before us was an eye-opener. Thanks to all those parishioners who make our "Presence to the Poor" a reality.

We are currently in the **40 Cans for Lent food collection drive for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry**. Please bring your donations to the plastic bin in the back of church.

While our membership has been rapidly expanding in recent months, we were saddened by the passing of Brothers Charlie Stocklin and Ralph Farmer.

We look forward with great anticipation to our first **Bourbon Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner** on April 7th. Food will be provided by the Haute Doggery, cherry glazed pork loin being the featured entrée. Tickets are \$40 each and proceeds go the Council's Scholarship fund. This will be an evening of great fun! Don't miss it. Tickets are available at the office or from a Knight.

The Knight of the Year **Annual Dinner is scheduled for May 6th**.

Men if you want to increase your service opportunities to the parish and community...Be a Knight!

Parish Council Updates

PSR

Continue to have weekly PSR and once a month K-PSR

First Reconciliation was on December 12th

Confirmation is this Sunday at St. Mary's

17 children are preparing for first Holy Communion in May

PSR students have been participating in CRS rice bowl during Lent