

Saints Peter and Paul Parish – Waterloo, IL
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2012

Sign of a Christian Community

Community building – How do our decisions foster a sense of welcome and belonging?

Worship – How do our choices promote better liturgical celebrations and greater praise of God?

Evangelization – How do we continue to share the Catholic faith within our parish and our community?

Service – How do we reach out in justice and service to our staff, parishioners, community and the world?

Attending

Fr Osang Idagbo, C.M. (Parish Administrator)
Fr. Dale Maxfield (Associate Pastor)
Deacon Doug Boyer
Carol Postlewait (Trustee)
Kevin Edwards (Trustee)
Tara Busch (School Board)
Ken Carrico (12)
Tony Morris (12)
Connie Lutz (13)
David Miskell (13)
Barb Reinholz (14)
Judy Brinkmann (14)
Lois Thompson (PSR)

Absent

Karen Seaborn (Pastoral Associate)
Chris Purcell (12)

Guest - Linette Hermanns

Opening Prayer was led by Father Max

New Business:

- Linette provided a summary of why SPPCS is looking at hiring a advancement / development position for the school. Benefits of this position in St. Louis diocese schools were discussed. It's not believed that any other parish grade school in the Belleville diocese has a position like this. Options of using this person in dual roles with some parish responsibilities we also discussed. A consensus was reached that the position would be beneficial to the parish. It was decided that we would ask the Finance Committee to look at how we could pay for this position in next year's budget.
- There was additional discussion on the letter going to school and PSR parents. (Draft attached.) It was decided that a sub-committee of Judy, Connie, Tara, Barb & Father Osang would work on developing the definition of an active parishioner.

Standing Reports

1. SPPCS Report – (Tara Busch)

- Education/Curriculum update: The 7th grade pre-algebra is going well. Lisa will be using the results of the student's standardized tests to adjust the curriculum based on any identified trends. The Spanish curriculum is being reviewed. Lisa referred Mimi Davinroy to Gibault and Columbia High Schools as a shadow to determine where we want our students to be when they graduate.
- Gala planning is underway and is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. There are two open chairperson positions that will need to be filled this year including decorations and sweet surprise.
- ACRE results for testing completed by our 5th grade students reflect our combined local advanced and proficient scores were 89.3% as compared to the National average of 71.2%.
- Catholic Schools week is set to kick off on Sunday, January 29th with an open house and tour (including the new construction area) following 11:00 mass.
- Mark Neary was welcomed as the newest member to the SPPCS board. He will be our new Hecker representative.
- Tony Morris will create a suggested donation from the parish to the Spring Gala.

2. Cemetery – (Ken Carrico) There are two main projects the Cemetery committee is focused on.

- Constructing a fence in the front of the old cemetery.
- Removal of three remaining problem trees.

3. Finance Council – (Dave Miskell) –

December 2011	Dec 11	Budget	Fiscal Y to D	Y to D Budget	Annual Budget
Sunday Collections	63117.19	64834.17	392783.80	388219.82	730937.61
Loose Collections	2944.40	3894.68	12140.06	14250.79	26280.00
Total Income	94660.22	103310.03	480301.68	481681.49	955180.61

Christmas Collection 21926.00 (Budget: 25000.00)
(Last Fiscal Year to Date: 23477.10)
Christmas Flowers 2491.00 (Diehl Florist -400.00 pd.)
Altar Decorations 943.09 (Balance from last Fiscal Year)
Building and Grounds 14140.33
Parish School Subsidy 255000.00 (Budget: 218655.93)
All Contribution Substantiation Reports for 2011 we be mailed at month end.

4. Youth Ministry – (Connie Lutz) –

- December youth gathering after Mass was attended by 9 students. A skating party was held in South County. Some members of the commission felt like it was not well attended, due to transportation issues.
- Funderwear competition in December: SPPS lost to ICS by 300 pieces. The articles of clothing were delivered to Cairo, and were greatly appreciated.
- The summer Cairo trip discussions are starting. Will need a chairperson for this event. The commission has several names in mind. Those folks to be contacted.
- Sunday, Jan 15 will be the next YM Mass and gathering. There will be an open gym, with pizza/ soda for refreshments. Mass at 5pm, gathering begins at 6p.
- Several fundraising options were discussed.
- Tentative dance sponsored by YM on 4-20-12: Invitations to go to ICS/ St. James/ SPP church PSR/ Red Bud and Smithton schools once the date is confirmed. Concessions to be sold, as well as Gus' Pretzels. Admission \$5.00.
- Next youth Mass and gathering, will be 2-19-12 (the planned activity will be movie night in the gym)
- The next commission meeting has been set for 2-13-12 in the cafeteria.

5. PSR – (Angela Atkinson)

- A parent workshop on the Sacraments, focusing primarily on Reconciliation and Eucharist, is being offered Wednesday evening, January 19th from 6:45p.m. – 7:30p.m. This workshop is open all who would like to attend (please spread the word).
- We had our Reconciliation/First Communion Meeting on Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. First Reconciliation will take place on January 26th (7p.m.) or January 28th (9:30 a.m.) and First Communion will take place on April 21st (4p.m.) or April 22nd (1p.m.).
- The Confirmation Teaching Mass with Deacon Doug is scheduled for January 17th at 7p.m. Confirmandi and parents are required to attend. Sponsors are encouraged to attend.
- January Family Mass: Sunday, January 22nd at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This Mass will be led by the 5th graders.
- Staci Wittenauer, Lois Thompson, and Anita Toth will be filling in for me as the administrator at SPPCS during January and part of February.

6. Adult Formation – (Karen Seaborn)

- Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith: This ten week program ended just before Christmas. Everyone who attended had very positive things to say about it. There are some who had to miss a night or two, and others who heard how good it was and hope it is offered again. All of the material has been returned to the Belleville Diocese for other parishes waiting to participate, but the parish did purchase the DVD series this week at a much reduced cost, so we can use this series far into the future.
- RCIA: The three candidates and the team began their small group meetings this week, following their participation in the Catholicism DVD Series. They will begin Breaking Open the Word this week.
- Adult Children of Aging Parents: This group continues to meet monthly, offering programs and support to adults who are caring for aging parents. Darlene Niebruegge and Judy Mueth along with Cathy Knowlton, Human Support Services, guide and direct this group.
- Comprehensive Adult Faith Formation Program: The Adult Faith Formation Commission did not meet in

December due to the holidays, but is meeting twice in January. We are continuing to work our way through the USCCB's document *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation.

- Small Faith Sharing Groups: The Spring season will soon be underway. Some are choosing to participate in Fanning the Flame and one is remaining with the Quest program.
- Spiritual Book club: We met this week to discuss *The Simple Path* by Mother Teresa. The group requested to read Joshua as our next book.
- Fanning the Flame: At this writing 60 parishioners have ordered a copy of the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults and plan on participating in the Fanning the Flame Journey of Faith at some level. This Diocesan-wide program begins this Sunday, January 15, and will be kicked off with a blessing of the Catechism books at 9:00 Mass. Most have expressed interest in reading the Catechism and studying independently via internet, but there are two new groups hoping to meet beginning in February: Tuesday or Thursday mornings, and Wednesday evenings. One parishioner purchased the program with his own money and is taking it to the prison in East St. Louis for viewing and discussion.
- Pre-Cana: Planning for our Feb. 4 Pre-Cana Day is beginning now. At this writing there are 23 couples and the phone is still ringing.
- Parish Mission: Fr. Pete Schavitz, CSSR, is confirmed for next year: Nov. 10 – 15, 2012. This 5 night Mission will need a number of committees. Fr. Pete plans to travel here in June 2012 for a pre-Mission gathering. It would be good to have the committees in place before then and perhaps host a barbecue. Planning for this will begin this Spring.
- Eight Week Marriage Encounter Program: Phone calls are already coming in for this program, which will be held on eight consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 6 - April 24 at Gibault Catholic High School.

7. St. Vincent DePaul Society – (Barb Reinholz) –

- Many monetary and food donations come in during the holiday season. Our food pantry was in abundance, so some items were given to Western Egyptian. We are still in need of laundry detergent.
- Dimitri is still living in the Sunset motel, but was able to get his driver's license and has been working at the Bean Tree part time. Mark Lengacher has offered him a position at Schneider's. He will be taking his GED in February. We hope to find him some permanent housing within the month.
- The Young Vincentians did not meet for January due to the holiday. We will once again be helping on the mobile soup bus on January 23rd in Cahokia.
- Feb we will be making Valentine cards for the nursing home residents and the homebound on Feb 5th. We hope to have the kids deliver on Feb 12th.
- We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at Gibault at 7:00. Anyone interested is welcome!

8. Maintenance – (Chris Purcell) – No report this month.

9. Service – (Judy Brinkman) –

- Parish Picnic Meetings will begin soon. The sit down dinner will return to the cafeteria this year.
- We will need chair people for the 2013 picnic as Andy and Judy's daughter is getting married.

10. Stewardship – (Tony Morris)

- Joanne Hoffman indicated that she sent an email to Father Osang, Father Max and Deacon Doug including the process that had been put together late last year. She wanted to get Father Osang's feedback on the process as he was traveling when that document was created. Assuming there are no modifications to the process, she will start recruit volunteers to help welcome families through bulletin announcements and word of mouth. Father Osang indicated Joanne should call him this week as he had some thoughts on the process. Tony passed this request on to Joanne.

11. Worship/Liturgy – (Deacon Doug)

- We will have a meeting prior to the beginning of Lent.

12. Building Committee – (Carol Postlewait)

- Contributions to the campaign continue to trickle in; a few one-time donations each week ranging from \$50 to \$2000 but no new 5 year pledges.
- As you know, we reached \$1.8 million right before Christmas.
- Construction is ahead of schedule with open house Jan 29 after 11:00 Mass

Closing Prayer – By Father Max

Time and Place Next Meeting: February 14, 2012 at 7 pm

Adjournment