



Pastoral Council Minutes

December 13, 2016 at Our Lady of Peace Parish

In Attendance: Irene Grad, Jackie Bahan, Brian Martens, Betty Sparrowhawk, Father Peter, Stacey Grunert, Anita Reiger, JoAnne Zuck, Rick Perras, Jodi Wilton

Regrets: Dennis Gibbs, Bob Rothecker, Twylla West, Antonette Rothecker, Irene Haynes, Donalda Exner

Absent: Doris Frei

1. Brian called the meeting to order at 7:05.
2. Opening prayer led by Father Peter
3. Approval of Agenda – approved
4. Approval of Minutes – approved by JoAnne
5. Pastor's Report: Father Peter- verbal
 - Father thanked everyone who has served and continues to serve on Parish Council and expressed his sincere gratitude for everyone's efforts. The last six years have been very enjoyable. We always found a way to make things work even though there may have been times when we all didn't agree 😊.
 - He asked for our prayers to help him succeed in his new parish in Texas and he will continue to pray for us and Our Lady of Peace.
 - The Parish has a lot of opportunities to grow. Everyone should continue to strive to make that happen.
 - The name of the priest who will be replacing Father Peter will be announced at this weekend's mass.
6. Building Addition Committee Report – Dennis Gibbs – report attached
7. Finance Chair - report attached
8. Committee Reports
 - Liturgy: Joanne - verbal report
 - Patroness Mass was very beautiful. Thanks to Stacey for organizing the music.
 - Thanks also to Angus for leading the Marian celebration
 - The Reconciliation Examination of Conscious will be held on December 21 at 7:00 pm
 - Please check the sign up sheet for ministries for Christmas Eve/Day and NewYears Eve/Day masses. We need more volunteers to fill some vacancies.
 - Anita will be helping to put together the ministry/community leader schedules for January and February. Stacey and Melissa are hoping to start sending out reminder e-mails every Friday beginning sometime in January.
 - There will be an alter server workshop sometime in January. Stacey is working with Eric to see if he can help facilitate this again.
 - Sacraments: Stacey Grunert – report attached
 - Vocation Awareness – Vacant
 - Outreach/Parish Growth – Stacey Grunert, Jodi Wilton, Twylla West – report attached
 - Father Peter included a farewell message on the Mass Passports for all the kids. A pizza lunch will be held soon
 - The Giving Tree has been a huge success. Donations were put in boxes and given to St Michaels who have already passed them out to the kids. More donations continue to come in!
 - Youth: Jodi Wilton & Twylla West – report attached
 - Ecumenism: vacant

- Pastoral Care: Irene Grad – report attached
- Deanery: JoAnne Zuck – verbal report
 - There will be 2 reps now. One for the Regina East and one for Regina West
 - Planning for a Spring conference is currently underway.
- Stewardship: Anita Rieger – report attached
 - Ps – another Paint Night will be booked for March 10
- Social Justice: Vacant
- Personnel – Rick Perras/Brian Martens/Dennis Gibbs –
 - A new caretaker (Ben) has been hired. Jerrod had to leave his position due to too many other work demands from another job. Same process will be followed as what was done with Jerrod where we will be responsible to set up for events, and he will be responsible to take down/clean up.

9. Affiliated Groups / Organizations / Positions

- CWL OLOP: Irene Haynes – report included in Betty's report
- Seniors: Betty Sparrowhawk – report attached
- Knights of Columbus: Bob Rothecker – no report
- Bishops Appeal: Antonette Rothecker – report attached
- Screening – Donald Exner – no report
- Membership – Doris Frei – no report
- School Liaison - Antonette Rothecker – report attached

10. Old Business

- Advertisements for Parish Council vacancies in Bulletin
 - Not complete, Jackie to get these in asap
- Donation/Memorial Fund
 - We have already received some donations! Not sure what we will use as the memorial. Looking at different options for displaying plaques with people's name on them.
- Funerals during construction
 - Father will check with St Peters to ensure they are ok with us recommending them as an alternate location.
- Church Sign to advertise events
 - Jodi is going to check and see if maybe O'Neil's old sign is available
- Community Communication
 - Need to get together with the school Principals to see if what solution we can come up with that they would be ok with to ensure the schools are hearing about all the events going on at church. Possibly they can attend one of our Parish Council Meetings
- Faith Stories
 - Only 1 submitted. Jodi to provide Jackie a soft copy of the questionnaire which will then be sent out to the Parish Council. At our next meeting, we will ask if any of the members would be comfortable/interested in participating.

11. New Business

- All PC members are very happy to have had the chance to get to know and work with Father Peter. He will be missed. Thank you Father for all of your guidance and dedication in

serving our parish for the past six years. We wish you all the best and will keep you in our prayers.

- Father Dan attended this meeting to let us know what the next steps will be as a result of Father Peter's departure. His replacement will be announced this weekend. This person will be with our Parish until July. At that point, as in all years, the Archdiocese will review all priest's assignments which can result in transferring a priest to another parish.
- The new priest will be staying in the Rectory.
- The kitchen is all packed. There are still some items left that the CWL and Knights of Columbus need to pack. They have until January 15 to get this done.
- There will be a ground blessing and Father's Farewell on Wednesday, December 28. Mass at 5:00, followed by a Pot Luck Supper.



Wishing you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Date of next meeting: January 10, 2017. Mass at 6:30. Meeting start at 7:00

Minutes recorded by Jackie Bahan

BAC Report

The Design phase and the Construction Drawings phase have been completed by Stantec and have been submitted to the City and to PCL; now just awaiting the Building Permit!

Stantec and PCL have both assured us that there is no outstanding issues in obtaining this Permit; just a lengthy process dealing with the City. Although it Appears we are about 2 months behind schedule in starting; Mitch, our PCL Project-Manager, seems confident that we can make up most of the time and still complete our New Hall/Chapel by Fathers' Day 2017!

OLOP financial situation for 2016 remains good with still an anticipated Surplus at the end of aprox. \$18,000.....preliminary Year-End Statements will be presented at the next P/C meeting in early January

Everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas ..thx.... dennis(bac-chair; f/c-chair)

December 2016

Education/Sacraments

Baptism- Classes were held on Saturday, December 3 and Thursday, December 8. Three children were baptised on Saturday, December 10 and the other 3 will be baptised in the new year.

Reconciliation- We had our last class on Saturday, December 10 and the First Reconciliation Celebration will take place on Friday, December 16. 14 Children will receive their First Reconciliation.

RCIC- Classes will begin in January. At present, there are 29 registered for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

RCIA classes continue on Wednesday Evenings. We have moved from the inquiry phase to the study of Catechumens.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our candidates and for being prayer partners with the children preparing for sacraments.

December 2016 Pastoral Assistant/Music Coordinator

November 15- Father Peter and Stacy attended a workshop on Engaging Youth

- Most of the encounters youth have with church and God happen outside the church building.
- We need to encounter the youth where they are.
- Youth have 5 hungers
 - To be Seen
 - To feel that they are heard
 - Community- meaningful relationships- they don't want to know about church, they want to be church.
 - Access to the Sacred- opportunities to encounter God
 - A safe place- put people first

November 21 – Patroness Day- Rosary with music and Mass with Father John Weckend

December 2 – Pope Francis Workshop –Regina Catholic School Division

- Spirituality- to live in such a way as to turn our journey in the world to our journey toward God.
- We cannot lead the way we used to because the world is different.
- To be a good leader, you must love those you lead.
- Leaders job is to:
 - Give Direction
 - Influence
 - Get results
- This is the world the Holy Spirit has given us and we are the field workers.

December 8 – Immaculate Conception – An Advent Evening with Mary

- Rosary with music – video and reflection. 22 in attendance.

Highway 47 play is going well, Terry may be looking for some help finding costumes.

Father Peter and I continue to go to St. Michael and St. Gregory Schools for pastoral visits.

We will be having Mass Passport Pizza parties at the schools

School Advent Masses will be this week, St. Michael's on Thursday afternoon and St. Gregory grades 6-8 will be Saturday Evening, Arch Bishop Don will preside.

O'Neill Advent Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 11:45

Youth

The kids Christmas party was on December 11th. We had students from Miller and O'Neill High School helping out with crafts, games, snacks and the Santa store. Even though our numbers were down from last year, the children that attended had a great time. We are currently working on a video Christmas greeting from the Youth of the parish which will be played at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

We also successfully packaged and donated 20 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes last month.

Plans are underway for a Valentine's Day activity as well as many other activities in the new year.

Jodi Wilton

Twylla West

Pastoral Care - Dec. 2016

I would like to thank Fr. Peter for the many masses he has celebrated with the Elders at the Luther Home for the years he has been in our parish. Also for administering the Anointing of the Sick twice a year. The Mass & Anointing of the Sick was done for the month of December.

I received an e-mail thanking for all that has been done from our parish.

Again this December Father & the Ladies have gone to visit the shut-ins in the community where Father has done Anointing of the Sick. Cards & Cookies are also brought to these shut-ins at this time. Thanks to CWL for providing this treat.

Thank you Father Peter for everything.

Submitted by
Irene Grad

Stewardship Report for Pastoral Council Meeting of Dec. 13, 2016

Paint Nite was quite successful. It was a lot of fun. We haven't received our cheque from the organizers yet, but it should be well over \$500.00. We have booked another for March 10. We don't need much room and can provide food and drink quite easily from crock pots and tables. So if you weren't at the first one, try to make this one.

We prepared a Stewardship Packet and it was handed out the 1st Sunday in Advent and extras are disappearing. Also we made extras for the Membership committee to hand out to new members joining our parish. Where appropriate our "Mission Statement" was applied.

Our Donation/Memorial Fund has collected \$7,000.00 so far....a long way to go, but at least we have a start. I must get something designed for a display or temporary display and that may bring up the enthusiasm for more donations.

We have moved the Bazaar from February to January 22nd. Raffle tickets are ready to be inserted in the bulletin and will be for the weekend of January 7/8. All the Parade of prize tickets are being prepared. We are inviting everyone's cooperation in soliciting prizes for the Parade of Prizes and we are thinking of having a Silent Auction as well. Letters are on the information table to help in collecting these.

Any questions!!

Submitted by Anita Rieger

New Text Document

Our Lady Of Peace Seniors Group-Betty Sparrowhawk

November 22: Senior Xmas Pot Luck Luncheon & AGM Meeting @ 11:30, cards to follow.
No change in Senior Executive-all executive will be continuing their positions for the year 2017.

Senior Programs will be ending December 21-for the Christmas Season & starting up again January 6, 2017.

Advertising in the next Uplander/Community Newsletter. My wish for the New Year for more Seniors to become involved.

Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year to all.

Best Wishes to Father Peter, Good Luck & Enjoy your new MISSION. We will miss you.

Thank you
Betty

CWL Representative: Irene Haynes

November 15-AGM Meeting-election for positons becoming vacant for 2017.

CWL Xmas party-Dec 6-Munchies, Bonco, gift exchange and/or donation to Martha House.

Thank you
Betty

ANNUAL APPEAL

My Dear Parishoners: Thanks to the generosity of our Catholic Families, who have donated to the Appeal. I know there are alot out there that have not done so yet. Please take a look at your finances and if you have an extra \$100.00 or what ever you can give , please do so. The cut off date is actually Dec 31st, but the diocese usually gives a couple of days more to get all funds into the diocese office. To date the collection total is \$722,000.00 from all parishes. The goal is \$ 1.4 mill.

So far from our parish we collected \$13,062.00. Our goal is \$23,747.00. So we have a ways to go. I believe in my heart the Parishoners of Our Lady of Peace will make our parish proud and make our goal. So I ask of Our Lord to give us strengh , and hope this will come to light. Prayers are for all of the parishoners as we come close to the Christmas Season. Merry Christmas to all & Happy New Year. Here is a list of the parishes who have made their goals for this year:

- St. Anne, Regina
- Sacred Heart, Raymore
- St. John the Baptist, Dysart
- Our Lady of LaSalette, Forget
- St. Columbkille, Grenfell
- Little Flower, Regina
- St. Joseph, Cabri
- St. Rita, Strasbourg
- St. Eugene, Minton

May the Christmas Blessing be upon all this year.

Antonette Rothecker, Co-ordinator

School Liason

St Michael's School Dec 13 , 2016

Current enrollment is 164.

Term 1 progress Reports – 97 % attendance School Christmas lunch to be served on Dec 15th in the gym...parent volunteers welcome.

St Michaels Christmas Dance Dec 16th in afternoon...Gr 5-6-7-8 attending . Various schools have been invited.

Christmas concert Dec 20 Morning Dry run 10:00am; Afternoon Dress rehearsal 1:00pm Parents invited; Evening concert 7:00pm Advent Cards for the neighbourhood and a community in Northern Sask. Are been made, also the students are decorating food bank hamper boxes.

Advent mass Dec 15th @ 1:00pm at Our Lady of Peace.

Sask Energy assisted in St Michaels School santa Store on Nov 30, they raised over \$1000.00

Powerhouse Mortgage thru the United Way have confirmed that St Michaels Community School will received 22 bikes, locks & helmets to be presented to students . Students earn entry ballots in their classroom when they demonstrate positive attendance, academics & attitude.

St Gregory school

Report cards period has come & gone. Thanks to all the parents who participated.

The Gr 7 & 8 class are participating in an Advent service by helping ut a couple of families in need of a little assistance.

Mrs Holliday, principal and Mr Brian Jeannot were duct taped to the wall of the gym. This episode brought in \$1200.00 as a fundraiser. What good sports they were.

Mrs B. Ryall was sworn in as a Canadian Citizen...congrats Mrs Ryall.

Reminder from the regina Fire Department : the dangers of thin ice and Carbon Monoxide.

Dec 5 It was Disney Spirit Day , all students wore something pretaining to Disney.

Gr 6-7-8 Band Concert was held @ 7:00pm O'Neill Hi Dec 14 Christmas Concert PK – Gr 5 1:30 and 7:00 @ Performing Arts Centre. The theme " In a Gallilee Far Far Away"

Dec 17, Advent Liturgy...Gr 6-8 @ Our Lady of Peace.

Dec 20 Christmas Expo 12:30pm -3:30pm, hosted by Gr 6-7-8-. Be prepared to shop for goodies , baking and crafts made for Christmas stockings Dec 21 ...Christmas Spirit day

The new building at Sacred Heart Community School will open in a few months. Progress continues at the sites of 3 new schools. They are: St Kateri Tekakwitha School in Harbour Landing; St Nicholas School in Rosewood Park and Ecole St Elizabeth in Greens on gardiner.

Respectfully Submitted

Antonette Rothecker, School Liaison