

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

November 4, 2014

Meeting Time: 5:00PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Don

Call to Order: Ken Dana

Roll Call: Fr. Don, Deacon Larry Walker, Ken Dana, Margaret Buyserie, Tom Vondrachek ,
Zoraida Anaya ; Bridget Hunsinger; Shelly Didway; Scott Peavy; Jose Montoya

Absent: Sr. Juanita; Rey Alvarado

Guests: Marilyn Walker; Rob Bohall

Approval of Minutes: Approved as emailed.

Ministry Reports:

Tom states the the Knights have a framed art icon of the Blessed Mother. A ceremony and procession will be on Monday, Nov. 10th, at 7 PM in the church

Shelly states that there is lots of energy with all the children on Wednesday nights when Youth groups are held. She also brought up maybe putting ministry reports onto the website. Shelly will help with this, if we email it to her.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Don stated Elva Rosario-Chaga passed away. The funeral will be on Nov. 15th at noon. It will be after the retreat with Janice Carleton.

Nancy Gooden is the new business manager/secretary. She is working out great. Belinda has been very helpful in the transition, coming in on evenings and weekends, and even some work days to help Nancy.

Fr. Don has been approved for his trip in Jan, and Feb. to Texas for Spanish immersion.

He will be going to the Mission at El Paso, where he will have a private tutor, and then be able to work ministries at the parish. Fr. Bushy will do weekends, Bishop Steiner will be here on Wednesdays Mass, and Fr. McNamee will come for confession and Mass on Fridays.

It was decided that Pastoral Council will continue to meet during Fr. Don's absence.

Old Business:

b. Parish Mission: The Mission was very well received. There were about 150 people for the English Mission with Fr. Amsberry. And the Spanish Mission with Jose Gutierrez had 75, 85, and 95 people on successive nights. The cookies and coffee offered allowed people to visit a bit after the Mission. Fr. Amsberry was very accessible before and after the Mission.

Shelly mentions that the Resurrection Parish in Tualatin has a very vibrant young people group (18-35 yrs). Our young people can access this group.

c. Dynamic Catholic Committee: After surveys were done, we answered the requests with: Grotto trip in Dec; new study groups planned; activities labeled on boards in hall.

New Business:

e. Name tag Sunday: The Youth group did a nice job with the last Name Tag Sunday. The next one will be on Dec. 13th and 14th. The CDA will cover this time. CDA will also be having their bake sale.

Shelly mentioned that pairing up Youth movie night with Knights Bingo worked well. There will be youth nights in Jan, March and April. She also mentioned a \$65 license that has been purchased so we would be able to use movies at the church. Can be printed in bulletin but not advertised over the internet. And can't receive any money for showing.

f. Advent/Christmas: The Season starts of Nov. 30th with the First Sunday of Advent. The Grotto Trip is Dec. 14th, Posada goes from Dec. 16th-24th, Advent Reconciliation will be Dec. 18th. The Youth will do an Advent Play. Fr. Don stated that last year there were 1100 people over the Christmas Masses, compared to a normal of 800. Shelly asked about the Youth group providing some decorations for outside the church. Fr. Don is okay with Jesus theme.

Old Business:

d. Rob Bohall: The Mission statement has been changed. We measure our accomplishments by attendance and ministry meetings. We have a number of programs being offered, and people can choose to participate and contribute. Remind people to check out the website. Fr. Don feels there is a need to evangelize, and get more people involved in RCIA. Goals: Needed to evangelize non-Catholics or not practicing Catholics. We need to see what activities are working to engage people. It was mentioned to try following up, keeping persons interested and encouraged. Sr. Juanita is good about engaging sponsors for RCIA. Shelly suggested maybe having a current church family to mentor a new family when they join St. Peter's.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

Next meeting: Wed. Dec. 3, 2014 5 PM

Signed: Margaret Buyserie, Secretary