

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2013
7:00PM

Present: Jean Capouch, Al Koslney, Mary Stocking, Todd Zimprich, Msgr. Daniel Pilon, David Groven,
Karen Gapp, Samantha DeLong, and Tara Balsiad

Msgr. Pilon opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the February 6th meeting were reviewed and approved.

There were some issues with the IRS because of unpaid payroll taxes from 2009. It has been taken care of but we need to get in contact with our accountant at the Diocese to make sure the same mistakes were not made in 2010 or 2011.

We have been extremely low on money lately and are struggling to pay basic bills. Msgr. Pilon was unable to cash his check this month because there was not enough money in the account to cover it. It was decided that we would move \$1000 from the savings account to the checking account so that his check and some other bills would be able to be paid. It is important that people know that we are unable to pay monthly expenses with our current income. The money we have been receiving from fundraisers has been being used to pay monthly bills rather than for other projects or fixes. We went over the letter that Msgr. Pilon wrote to send out to parishioners and approved it. The letter was sent out recently and another more personalized one will be coming at a later date. It was discussed that more emphasis should be put on how much we are hurting for money right now. Msgr. Pilon was to talk about this at a Mass following the letter being sent out.

The basketball banquet was due to take place on March 18th so reconciliation was moved to March 25th. It was discussed that the amount charged per person for each meal needs to go up. It has been set at \$10 for the last two years and has not changed even though the cost of everything has gone up. The question was brought up as to whether it is worth it or not for us to continue doing it.

Msgr. Pilon had made a basic sign for us to look at. Karen is going to take it to see what it would cost to have made and what additional costs there would be if we wanted to add a picture on it as well. We were approved by the flower shop to put the sign up on their land by the highway.

Red Cross contacted us and would like to know if we would like to sign up to be a shelter for emergency situations. It was okayed by our insurance as long as they have insurance on themselves as well. It was decided that we would not partake by being a shelter as many times the places used get trashed. We are more than willing to assist by making food and delivering meals or helping out in other ways, but will not be offering our building as a shelter.

Msgr. received a new desk and we would like to see if anyone would like to take his two old ones. A message is to be put in the bulletin about this. A donation would be much appreciated.

We went over "ideas to avoid" for the process of envisioning a parish. We came up with ideas of things we could do to avoid future problems or correct ones that we have had in the past. The top 3 on the list to start working towards fixing were: 1. Losing members 2. Debt, lack of sufficient funds 3. Relationship problems

We continued on to the third part of the process and discussed things we currently do but would like to improve on. Top three on that list were: 1. Community building 2. Religious education 3. Building & grounds upkeep.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:50pm.

Next meeting to be held on April 3, 2013 at 7:00pm