

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Msgr. Daniel Pilon David Groven Samantha DeLong
 Ray Durkin Chris Yeargan Karen Gapp

Msgr. Pilon opened with prayer. Ray Durkin was introduced as the new member replacing Al Koshney on the Council. Al will remain a Lay Director.

Minutes were read and approved by Samantha and Chris.

Finance report was reviewed. Members felt we were doing well financially at this time. We have had no major repairs. Insurance was the only big item this past month.

Because of the EEOC charge against our parish, they require that we have an employee handbook. At present we are using a revised one from the Diocese which will have to be revised especially for our small parish. Samantha has to sign it so will report on it after having read it.

Msgr. was wondering if we needed the book for the lectors for this church year. If the lectors are not taking advantage of it, we don't need the expense. Will check on it.

Our parish has switched from ParishSoft Desktop to ParishSoft ConnectNow as of January 12. Msgr. is trying to acclimate the secretary to the new program. It has a number of things that can help make the parish run more smoothly.

Mercedes will be taking maternity leave the end of March and the first part of April. We need someone to fill in for her during this time, especially completing the bulletin. Msgr. Pilon thinks he might be able to put in recent information. Mercedes will try to get the bulletins set up with routine information.

Some activities we plan for the parish are:

-Dinner & A Movie Night on January 31. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the movie "War Room" will be shown at 6:00 p.m. Pulled Pork and BBQ turkey will be the menu items which will be prepared by Robbie and Karen.

-Men's breakfast will be held after the 8:30 Mass on February 14.

-Fish fry will be held in March. Date has not been set.

Mass Schedule Changes – St. Agnes in Hunter will be having a carnival on January 16 from 11 – 2 p.m. to raise funds for a new furnace. They have requested a Saturday night Mass. It was decided to only have one Mass at Our Lady of Peace on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Hunter has requested an evening Mass followed by a Parish Council meeting. The Mass at the college will have to be held at 4:45 p.m. so Msgr. can get to St. Agnes by 6:45 p.m. OLP will also have a 9 a.m. Mass.

Buildings & Grounds:

Shingles for the valley on the church have been bid for \$ 1,200 for labor by Karl Jorgenson. Materials will be extra. He can do it in April.

There had been a leak in the men's room which requires plaster and painting. Precision Electric will remove the urinal when the work needs to be done. The kitchen also needs plastering & painting. Msgr. will talk to Wayne Trudeau to see if he can do it.

Church windows are being designed. There are 14 small windows and a downpayment of \$800.00 is needed. Motion made by Samantha and seconded by Chris.

If someone is looking for places for donations after the window project is completed, Msgr. Pilon suggested purchasing a new white vestment to match the green recently purchased. We also need a new holy oil set as one container was broken. It was suggested that we have a wooden box mounted on the wall of the sanctuary for them. David said he could build one. Msgr. has to decide where to put it.

Religious Education: A retreat for Confirmation students will be held sometime in April.

There were six kids who participated in the prayer before the abortion clinic.

God's Gift Appeal is approaching soon. Ernest Strube has agreed to be chairman and give the opening talk before the parish. Campaign begins February 13 & 14. Discussion was had on the letter that came from the Diocese last fall that almost indicated that donations had not been given. Caused some angst.

Discussion has been had about recognizing significant wedding anniversaries of parish members. The only anniversaries we know of so far are Mike & Peg Littlefield 25 years on March 15th and Wilfrid & Karen Gapp 50 years on April 16. It was decided to give a Visa gift card to couples doubling their years wedded. We will be recognizing 25 years, 40 years, 50 years, 60 years and 75 years. A motion to this affect was made by Robbie Tangen, seconded by Sammantha. Members of the parish will be asked to let us know if they celebrate one of these anniversaries.

Monsignor Pilon's 40th Anniversary celebration will be held on June 5th beginning with Solemn Vespers led by Bishop Folda, slide show. There will be a program with youth and adult choir participation. Msgr. will ask Marty Leiss if he will be moderator. Appetizers will be served.

There will be training for servers and Eucharistic Ministers soon.

Posting of Sunday offerings is becoming too much for Marge Spies. She has asked for a replacement. Msgr. will see if it is possible for Mercedes to do it.

Next meeting will be held on February 3.