



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
10 MAY 2016
6:30PM -8:00PM CDT

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Name	Parish Council Role/Committee	Present (Y/N)
Fr. Augustine DeArmond (FrA)	Parish Pastor	Y
Deacon Eddie Ramsey (ER)	Ex-officio	N
Angela Geekie (AG)	Parish Council Chair	Y
Jane Scharding-Smedley (JSS)	Choir Director –Ex-officio	Y
Christina Klyce (CK)	DRE – Ex-officio	Y
Ramon Marus (RM)	Finance	Unable to attend
Jim Latta (JL)	Stewardship	Y
Aggie Fratta (AF)	At-large member	Y
Tim Anderson (TA)	At-large member	Unable to attend
Carla Cook (CC)	At-large member	Unable to attend
Tommie Cervetti (TC)	Liturgy	Y
Robert Hardwick (RH)	Building and Maintenance	Unable to attend
Gay Landaiche (GL)	Secretary and Discipleship	Y
Laura Robinson (LR)	Prayer Shawl	Unable to attend
Bill Robinson (BR)	At-Large	Y
Warren Johnson (WJ)	New Member Outreach	Unable to attend
Kathy Anthony (KA)	Ministry to the sick	Unable to attend
Bobbie Rennie (BR)	Archives	Unable to attend
Melissa Espisito (ME)	Young Adults	Y
Melissa Peterson (MP)	Hospitality	Y
Sandra Douglas (SD)	At-large	Unable to attend
Julia Waggoner (JW)	Youth Group	Unable to attend
Leslie Coleman (LC)	Ex-officio Past Council Chair	Y
Kay Johnson (KJ)	Women’s Guild	Y

CST Time (PM)	Topic	Discussion Facilitator
6:30-8:00	Parish Update and New Business	Fr. Auggie
	Committee Updates	All
	New Business	All
	Review of Action Items and Wrap-up	All



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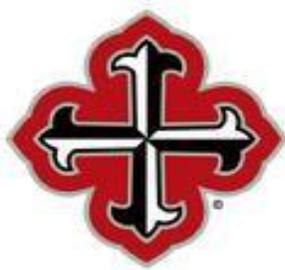
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Parish Update and New Business:

General Parish Update – Fr. Auggie reported that he has been reviewing Parish Council positions and terms. Several people moved shortly after being appointed and several At-Large members have served for several years. Fr. Auggie would like to start the process of appointing new people this fall with elections/appointments occurring the following spring. Melissa P. has served as the Hospitality Chair for 6 years and she has given Fr. Auggie names of potential replacements. Tommie C. said that several of her Liturgy committee members have asked to be replaced. Jim L. pointed out that all sitting committee chairs are appointed by Fr. Auggie to serve the church. Terms of service were originally 2-year terms and moving forward Melissa P. suggested that we stagger them. There are many ways to serve St. Peter Church besides being on the Parish Council. Bill R. pointed out that we could “roll” folks from committees into the At-Large positions (have 3 roll on and 3 roll off). Ministry leaders may be viewed differently (depending on length of service). Aggie said that we need to have term limits and suggested that we start recruiting new members. Angela pointed out that new members will bring new life and passion to the Council. Tommie said that we used to have a nominating committee to nominate members, but Fr. Auggie doesn’t want to have big general elections and Leslie C. said that they aren’t part of our by-laws (we are a representative democracy). It was recommended that 2 people co-chair the Hospitality Committee or have a Chair and an Assistant Chair who moves up. We also discussed the option of having a Parish Council and a separate Ministeries Council in order to be most effective in our planning efforts.

St. Dominic’s Feast Day (8/6/16) will not be a large event this year as we will also be celebrating the Jubilee of the Order on 10/15/16. The Master of the Order (Bruno Cadore) from Rome visit St. Peter’s and we will host a luncheon in the morning for the Dominican Laity, Friars and Sisters in the area (including Nashville) with a public event to follow. On Rosary Sunday (10/3/16) there will be another special event with Bruno Cadore.

St. Martin de Porres Gala – Fr. Auggie will Chair the Gala this year and he has set the date for 9/25/16. This is a Sunday evening and the event will begin at 6 pm and end at 9 pm at the University Club (rental will be free!). Kay and Charlie McVean will be the



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honorees. Fr. Auggie is researching the New Orleans and Houston Galas (NO is now smaller than it was but the Houston Gala is still going strong). Fr. Auggie will be

contacting us for help with auction items. Suzanne Hamm will co-chair. Owen McGuire is going to help with the online auction system and Sherry and Don Williams will help with sponsorships.

Committee Updates

Women's Guild – Kay reported that the final meeting of this year will be a home mass and potluck held at Kay McVean's house on 5/22/16.

Stewardship – Jim L. said that people have been committing to contribute financially to the church but they haven't been following up with their pledges. Giving has been maintained and online giving is up, but pledging is not. There was some confusion over setting up online payments and with people thinking that was their "pledge". The next batch of pledge cards will go out this fall and Fr. Auggie will explain the new process in his letter. Online giving now matches the traditional way money was collected.

Finance Committee – This committee will meet next Wednesday at 6 at St. Peter's. Ramon and Fr. Auggie have been working on a budget and they want to include a cost-of-living increase and a salary for an Associate Pastor.

Young Adults – Melissa E. said that the YA are revamping their program this summer and they plan to have several fund-raisers for a group retreat. Melissa is also exploring options at other churches for multi-generational activities and she has offered to participate as a leader in this process.

Liturgy – Tommie reported that the Liturgy Committee met last week as a follow-up to our Easter events. The survey that was completed suggested that we continue offering the activities that we did this year. Wednesday's in Lent averaged 20-50 folks each week and there were liturgical offerings followed by dinner. On 4/29/16 parishioner Marie-Stephane Bernard sang for about 150 people in our beautiful church for free! There will be new Lector training on 5/28/16. Several people signed up for service at the **Ministry Fair**. There was some confusion about "roles" for the Fair this year (staff



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vs. parishioners) and although Jane has some of the sign-up sheets, Adele and some of the committee chairs have the others.

Religious Education - A new **Alpha course** will begin on 6/1/16 at the St. Agnes Dominican Spirituality Center from 6:30-8:30 pm. We will also have a Sunday morning offering beginning on 6/5/16 at St. Peter's on "Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church". The High School students will continue to meet this summer on Sunday mornings. RCIA will meet as needed during the summer (will officially begin meeting weekly after Labor Day). Christina pointed out that RCIA is not required for everyone who joins the Church (for example baptized, catechized Christians often do not need to complete the full RCIA process). All persons interested in becoming Catholic are encouraged to contact Christina or Fr. Auggie now so that we can work out the best plan for them. We will have a member of the RCIA Team in the Welcome Center on second Sundays at 9:30 to talk with folks interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Church.

Bldg and Maintenance –

We have some emergency safety equipment that will require training and there have been some complaints about the use of incense (for people with allergies). Also, there was an incident at another church involving someone with a weapon and the question was raised about Diocesan policy on this matter.

Our **next meeting** will be on **9/13/16** and a **Parish Retreat** will take place on 10/1-2/16 (Father Jude S. will preach the weekend masses and help with ministries work).