

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
Parish Council Minutes – March 20, 2014

Members present: Fr. Peter Martinez [Pastor]; Deacon Ed; Barbara Greger [Bereavement, Hands of Mercy]; Mary Welch [Health Ministry, Respect Life Committee]; Mary Lee Welp [Altar and Rosary Society]; Ray Greger [Grounds, Maintenance]; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]; Helen Pelletier [Sacristan]; Lois Broden [Respect Life]; Deacon Frank

The Parish Mission Statement: “St. Paul the Apostle Parish Community exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the Mission of Jesus the Christ, the salvation of all humankind, by living and spreading the Good News.”

Topic	Discussion	Action
Opening	Meeting was opened at 6:00 pm, with prayer by Father Peter	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by Father Peter	
Religious Education – Deacon Frank	Retreat for parents of First Communicants will be on Saturday, March 22 nd . Oral test for First Communicants will be on April 5 th and 12 th . First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, April 26 th , from 10 am to 2 pm. There are 40 young people who will be receiving First Communion on Saturday, May 10 th , at the 5:00 pm Mass.	
Edge and Life Teen	No additional report	
Liturgy Committee– Deacon Ed	The Liturgy Committee has not met this month. There will be a Penance Service on Monday, April 14 th , at 7:00 pm.	
Finance Council – Father Peter	Ethnicfest went well. There will be an announcement in the bulletin when the total amount net profit is finalized. The \$5000 winner gave ½ back to the parish. We are saving for short-term and long-term projects.	
Grounds and Facilities – Ray Greger	Ongoing work on all parish grounds continues. The Stations of the Cross have been mounted. It was suggested that booklets be placed at each Station with prayers and information. Lights in the “breezeway” to be replaced	Deacon Frank will check into this.
RCIA – Deacon Frank	The next 3 Sundays will have the Scrutinies to prepare the Catechumens. At the Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 19 th , there will be 3 Catechumens received into the Church and 1 Marriage Convalidation.	
ACTS Retreat— Father Peter	In August will be both men’s and women’s ACTS retreats, on consecutive weekends. Teams have been selected.	
Knights of Columbus – Stan Bienia	Lenten Fish Fry’s on Fridays are going very well.	
Respect Life – Lois Broden	Committee will meet in early summer to plan for the annual collections of items for Timon’s Ministry.	
Altar and Rosary Society – Mary Lee Welp	Money was given to the Garden Club, to assist with parish grounds, plants, flowers. The Society needs more women members!	
Bereavement – Barb Greger	Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been 1 funeral meal served in the hall. In addition, 1 funeral meal was served for over 200 people at the Ethel Eyerly Senior Center. There will be a funeral meal on Saturday afternoon, March 22 nd .	

	The group needs more people to help with the meals.	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	Home visits are going well.	
Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	On Saturday, March 22 nd , the Diocese will hold its annual event to renew consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Mulvey will preside. Lunch will follow.	
Hands of Mercy – Barb Greger	Since last Parish Council meeting, 82 adults and 38 children were served, for a value of \$879.	
Health Ministry	No report.	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	The Dove and Crucifix behind the altar are in the dark. Father will review lighting for those areas and also for the Tabernacle.	
<u>New Business – Father Peter</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deacon Ed: Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 18th, and end on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th. 2. Father Peter: will be off April 7th through 11th. Then he will go to Rome for canonization of 2 Popes, from April 23rd through April 30th. 3. Father Peter: Rick Marcantonio has recently retired from his civilian job. He has volunteered to assist the pastor and the parish with Master Planning, Projects Management, and Maintenance Scheduling. 4. There was a question regarding the new Online Giving. Should envelopes be stopped for those who consistently give online? 5. Currently there are about 20-30 people doing Online Giving. 	Father will check with OSV
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014, at 6:00 pm</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by Father Peter at 6:35 pm.	