

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
Parish Council Minutes – April 10, 2014

Members present: Deacon Ed; Deacon Frank; Barbara Greger [Bereavement, Hands of Mercy]; Mary Welch [Health Ministry, Respect Life Committee]; Rozena McVey [Altar and Rosary Society]; Ray Greger [Grounds, Maintenance]; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Luz Garcia [Legion of Mary]; Helen Pelletier [Sacristan]; Juanita Lusson [Bereavement]; “Twinkle” Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Rick Marcantonio [Operations/ Plant Manager]

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 Deacon Frank	
Parish Mission Statement	Was read by Deacon Frank	
Religious Education – Deacon Frank	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. Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20, after 8:30 AM Mass Edge youth were well attended at Stations of the Cross on April 9 th . LifeTeen youth participated in a very good Retreat at Camp Zephyr recently Confirmands will participate in ceremonies on May 17 th , at the Cathedral at 10:00 AM, presided by Bishop Mulvey.	
Edge and Life Teen	See above	
Liturgy Committee– Deacon Ed	Holy Week services have been planned, and will have Altar Servers training soon. There will be a Penance Service on Monday, April 14 th , at 7:00 PM. Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday, April 15 th , at the Cathedral Wednesday, April 16 th , will have the usual Wednesday services Holy Thursday, April 17 th ; Mass at 7:00 PM Good Friday, April 18 th ; services at 3:00 PM. Divine Mercy Novena to begin, and will end on Sunday, April 27 th . Saturday, April 19 th will be Easter Vigil services at 8:00 PM.	
Finance Council	No report.	
Grounds and Facilities – Ray Greger	Ongoing work on all parish grounds continues.	
RCIA – Deacon Frank	At the Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 19 th , there will be 3 Catechumens received into the Church and 1 Marriage Convalidation. Will be considering holding Inquiry classes for persons interested in learning more about Catholicism. Persons would then funnel into RCIA classes when ready.	
ACTS Retreat	No report.	
Knights of Columbus – Stan Bienia	Lenten Fish Fry’s on Fridays are going very well. On Good Friday something “special” will be added to the menu. Nominations for offices were submitted. Election will be at the May meeting. The Knights have an excellent newsletter, but it is not distributed to all parishioners.	
Respect Life	No report.	
Altar and Rosary Society – Rozena McVey	May Crownings were discussed. There are 4 statues of Mary, and various groups will crown her during May: Altar and Rosary Society on May 4 th ; Religious Education children on May 4 th ; Legion of Mary, Edge, and LifeTeen on dates TBD. Group will meet on April 13 th and May 4 th , and then not again until September.	
Bereavement – Barb Greger/	Since the last Parish Council meeting there have been no funeral meals served. Juanita Lusson is taking over the Bereavement group, since Barbara Greger will	

	soon be moving out of the area.	
Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia	Home visits are going well. Father Peter has given his personal contact number to all homebound parishioners, in event that he is urgently needed. There are new Eucharistic Ministers starting, and some Winter Texans who are leaving.	
Legion of Mary – Luz Garcia	The annual Diocesan event to renew consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary was held on March 22 nd , and was very well attended. Bishop Mulvey presided.	
Hands of Mercy – Barb Greger/ Johnna Copeland	From March 12 th through April 8 th , there were 112 clients served, for an equivalent of \$810 given. Johnna [“Twinkle”] Copeland will be taking over the Hands of Mercy, since Barbara Greger will soon be moving out of the area.	
Health Ministry	No report.	
St. Paula’s Guild [Widows’ Support Group] – Rozena McVey	The group has met several times and is going well. The next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, April 26 th , after the 5:00 PM Mass. Presentations of interest are planned for the meetings. The Guild is considering alternating its monthly meetings between Saturday evenings and Sunday noons.	
Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>	No Old Business	
<u>New Business</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rick Marcantonio has volunteered his Time and Talent to serve the Parish as Operations/ Plant Manager. He has begun work on several projects. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Research on floor tile for the Narthex; anticipate to be completed in 2 to 3 months b. Research on flooring/ carpeting in remainder of the church, including replacing or refinishing all pews; anticipate to be completed in about 1 year c. Writing Job Descriptions for paid maintenance employees, to include expectations and limitations on their work 2. Rozena McVey announced that the Parish will hold a potluck “Going Away” lunch/ dinner shortly before Ray and Barbara Greger move from this area. 	Father will check with OSV
Next Meeting	<u>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014, at 7:00 PM</u>	
Closing Prayer	The meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Ed at 6:50 PM	