

**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – March 17, 2016**

**Members present:** Father Peter Martinez; Stan Bienia [Eucharistic Ministers]; Deacon Frank; Jody Hoelscher [Catholic Daughters of America]; Joanna Copeland [Hands of Mercy]; Paul Wondolowski; Rick Marcantonio [Knights of Columbus, Grounds et al]; Debbie Rodriguez [Altar and Rosary Society]; Juanita Lusson [Bereavement]; Cathy Fichtel [Youth Minister]

**Guests:** Tomas and Sylvia Rodriguez

**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 |
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| Opening   | Meeting was opened at 6:00 pm, with prayer by Father Peter  |        |
| Parish Mission Statement  | Was read by Father Peter  |        |
| Religious Education, Edge, and Life Teen – Deacon Frank and Cathy Fichtel | First Communion classes are going well.<br>Edge is doing “great”<br>Eight Confirmation students attended the Fullness of Truth Conference   |        |
| Liturgy Committee– Deacon Frank   | Holy Week preparations are in full swing<br>Servers will meet about Holy Week on Sunday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> , at 2:00 pm  |        |
| Finance Council – Father Peter  | The parish is taking bids on a Boy Scout storage facility for the trailer and other gear.<br>Parish collections are up, but so are expenses, as the parish grows. No “anomalies” noted.   |        |
| Grounds and Facilities – Rick Marcantonio                                 | More volunteers have been joining Pat and Enrique Macias!   |        |
| RCIA – Deacon Frank   | There will be 2 Candidates and 2 Catechumens at this year’s Easter Vigil.   |        |
| ACTS Retreats – submitted by Eileen Vara, plus Father Peter               | Women’s ACTS Retreat will be on April 7-10, 2016. The Retreat is full, but still taking names for a waiting list. The prayer book/ wheel will also be online for family/ friends to sign up for prayer times, in addition to the book in the back of church.<br>For the Retreat in June with women from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, we are starting to order crosses, print folders, set meeting dates, etc. for continuing preparation of that team immediately after the April Retreat.<br>The men’s ACTS Retreat at St. Paul will be in September, and at OLPH in June. |        |
| Women’s ACTS Retreat  | See above report.   |        |
| Knights of Columbus – Rick Marcantonio                                    | The Knights are providing Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. On Good Friday the times will be changed to 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm to accommodate other parish events on that day.<br>On April 24, 2016, Council 8170 is hosting a “Major Degree” event in the parish hall.  |        |
| Catholic Daughters of America – Jody Hoelscher                            | They are preparing Easter baskets for the homebound parishioners.<br>At April’s meeting the guest speaker will Sr. Lou Ella Hickman, author of “Women from the Bible.”  |        |
| Respect Life –  | No report   |        |
| Altar and Rosary Society  | No report   |        |

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| Bereavement – Juanita Lusson                   | There was one Bereavement lunch since last Council meeting -- For friends and family of Deacon Ed Nartowicz.  |  |
| Eucharistic Ministers – Stan Bienia            | All is going well with this ministry. Six homebound parishioners are being served.  |  |
| Legion of Mary                                 | No report   |  |
| Hands of Mercy – “Twinkle” Copeland            | Report for February 2016 ---<br>53 Adults<br>5 New persons<br>Total equivalent amount given = \$980.00<br>She also discussed merging efforts with Catholic Charities, and working out of Religious Education Building Rooms 1 and 2. These rooms are being renovated to accommodate efforts, planned for mid-April. Services will be provided Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.                      |  |
| Health Ministry -- Mary Welch                  | The team will hold a meeting on Monday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> , to make further plans for the Health Fair on Sunday, September 11, 2016.<br>No date has yet been set for a First Aid class this summer.   |  |
| St. Paula’s Guild – submitted by Eileen Vara   | <u>March</u> : St. Patrick’s Day dinner and Irish dancers on March 19 <sup>th</sup> , for members of the Guild<br><u>April</u> : Timon’s ministry lunch/ outreach<br><u>May</u> : considering a “Ladies Day” Tea for all women of the parish<br><u>June</u> : considering a “Singles Spaghetti Supper” for all parishioners<br><u>July</u> : annual luau for Guild members; scrap booking workshop for Guild members          |  |
| Discussion – <u>Old Business</u>               | None  |  |
| <u>New Business</u> -- Father Peter and Guests | Guests Tomas and Sylvia Rodriguez made an appeal to the Council to consider authorizing a letter of recommendation from the Parish Pastoral Council in support of Tomas entering into the Deaconate program. Stan Bienia moved and Rick Marcantonio seconded this appeal. All present agreed unanimously. Deacon Frank offered to draft the letter of recommendation, and Father Peter will sign it from him and the Council. |  |
| Next Meeting                                   | <b><u>NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016, AT 6:00 PM</u></b>  |  |
| Closing Prayer                                 | The meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Frank  |  |