

## ST. PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Peter's Parish Council met Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Members Present: Father Chuck, Mary Brockelsby, Rebecca Gaw, Isabelle O'Grady, Anne Rohling, Jim Svajgl with honorary member, Veronica Svajgl. Members Excused: Marian Brown, Mark Beckman, and Sharon Finerty.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Rebecca Gaw. Father Chuck said the opening prayer. The members present read the mission statement. The members reviewed the December 2009 minutes. Jim Svajgl, motioned to approve the minutes, Mary Brockelsby seconded the motion, motion passed.

The following is a summary of committee meetings held on January 5, 2010.

**Saint Albert School Board – Father Chuck.** A lengthy discussion was held on the finances of the school. There is concern about the number of families who are receiving CTO money and unable to pay the remainder of their tuition. The concern is whether these families will be able to afford the increased tuition in the future. Several policies were reviewed and passed as they were amended. The meeting was a week early because of the Christmas vacation. The snow days will be made up during the Easter break and the break will be shortened by three days to make up for the three days that were missed because of the snow.

**Parish Life – Rebecca Gaw.** The parish directory has been received by the committee for review and approval. The Christmas party was once again a huge success and fun was had by all in attendance. There will be 4 soup suppers held during Lent. There will be no program during Lent because the Journey Together Program will continue during Lent. The committees will serve as hosts for the Lenten Soup suppers and the schedule is as follows:

February 23, 2010	CYO
March 2, 2010	Buildings and Grounds/Liturgy
March 9, 2010	Religious Education
March 13, 2010	Parish Life – St. Patrick's Day Party
March 23, 2010	Social Concerns

**Religious Education – Father Chuck.** Journey Together signup will be held the weekends of January 17 & January 24. The kickoff dinner will be Sunday, February 14 at 5 p.m. Participants will be asked to bring soup and/or a dessert. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade mass will be held on Sunday, January 24 at Noon. Vacation Bible School planning has begun. Volunteer signup will begin the end of January. There will not be a Women's Retreat this spring, due to the Journey Together program.

**Social Concerns – Isabelle O'Grady.** The committee met on December 13, 2009 to organize and distribute the gifts collected by the parishioners. The committee wishes to thank all of St. Peter's for their generosity in this endeavor. Because of your kindness and generosity many children from both the Council Bluffs Public and St. Albert Catholic schools were able to enjoy a gift on Christmas which they would not otherwise have received. On December 15 and 16, the committee volunteered by making and serving lunches to the 60 volunteers at the Community of Christ Church who were assembling the Christmas baskets given to the city's needy families. The committee continues to spearhead St. Peter's volunteer efforts in serving meals to the homeless at Mohm's place.

**Liturgy – Mary Brockelsby/Marian Brown.** The committee planned the liturgies for January 17, 2010 to February 14, 2010. The materials to be distributed to parishioners for Lent were also chosen.

**CYO - Jamie Wredt and Adam Thomas.** We now have 61 members in CYO. Many of the CYO students completed over 60 hours of community service in 2009. Their combined efforts logged well over 600 service hours for the year. CYO members helped the Social Concerns

committee sort presents that were under the Christmas tree. Some members also went to the drop off points to help unload. Our Christmas party was held on December 20. We had lunch, watched Christmas movies, and decorated cookies. A collection of \$173 was taken to buy toys/books for children who would be eating dinner at Mohm's Place on Christmas Eve. Katie Corzine, Adam Beck, and Jean Thomas purchased \$134 worth of toys and books and delivered them to Mohm's Place. The remaining \$39.00 was then taken to the Nonpareil and given to the Goodfellows. The members decided to do this instead of a Secret Santa for themselves. The talent show will be held Saturday, January 30 with a meal catered by Staley's. Tickets go on sale January 9.

**Altar Society – Sharon Finerty.** The Altar Society will not meet in January or February but will resume their monthly meetings in March.

**Knights of Columbus – Father Chuck.** The dedication of the Project Moses monument will be moved until the spring because of the snow. We are hoping the dedication will be covered by the Mirror, the Nonpareil, and possibly the Columbia magazine. A discussion was held regarding the process required to remove inactive members from our council. We are planning a pancake breakfast on Sunday January 24. The proceeds from this breakfast are to be used to help with the scholarships that are given to students who attend St. Albert Catholic. Grand Knight Mervin Disalvo and Father Kottas will review a letter that has been written to national membership director.

**Buildings & Grounds – Jim Svajgl.** Due to the abundance of snow, the parish has hired Duke Kilnoski for snow removal purposes. Snow has been removed from the parking lot at St. Peter's two times thus far and from St. Francis Worship Center once. This will be an added expense that we were not counting on but it is a necessity since we have to have the room to park.

**Father's Report.** Electronic Banking: This program is continuing to have members of the parish sign up for this service. I hope that we can encourage many more members of our church to sign up for this service. Visa Gift Cards: the visa card program has been a very great success. We have cleared over \$1,000.00 in the first three months that we have offered the program. I hope that people will continue to use this program. Christmas Masses: I wish to thank all the ministers for the beautiful celebration of Christmas. The music was outstanding!!!! The weather did cause a problem and the attendance at three of the five masses was extremely small. This will have an impact on the Christmas collection budget.

Next Parish Council Meeting: February 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Next Committee Meetings: February 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Finance Council Meeting: February 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.