

# St. Petronille Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

1. Call to Order: The regular minutes of the St. Petronille Parish Council called to order at 7:02 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Building in Faith prayer
3. Attendance: Present: Christy Collie—President, Kimberly Meinhart—Vice President, Molly Hoerster—Secretary, Tim Donohue, Victor Trinkus, Tom Kane (Finance), Joe Dougherty (Worship), Eileen Buccola (Religious Education), Maureen Shekleton (Christian Service), Fr. Thomas Milota—Pastor, Fr. Les—Parochial Vicar; Absent: Robert Van Witzenburg (School Board), Klovirt Alnar (Sudanese Community)
4. Parishioner Participation\* (if any): None
5. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve October 18, 2022 minutes by Maureen Shekleton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Donohue, and all in favor
6. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve November 15, 2022 agenda by Kimberly Meinhart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen Buccola, and all in favor
7. Commission Reports
  - a. **Finance** (Tom Kane reported): Provided following highlights:
    - Sunday collections year to date through October are under budget by about 70K
    - School tuition revenue is \$128K ahead of budget
    - Betty Glover, new Manager for the Finance Department, who has been with us for two weeks, is off to a great start!
    - Last meeting was September; hoping to have one in December
  - b. **Worship** (Joseph Dougherty reported): No November meeting due to All Saints Day Mass
    - Advent is upon us
  - c. **School Board** (Robert VanWitzenburg reported) Highlights from November 8 meeting include:
    - Discussed impact of restructuring process at neighboring Catholic Schools in Lombard on other local Catholic School

- Discussed overarching preliminary Technology Strategy that has been prepared to help position St. Peter's School for the needs of today and future needs
  - Parent Organization's lead (Diane Colleran) join the school board meeting to help further increase alignment and collaboration ideas across both organizations
  - No December meeting scheduled
- d. **Religious Education** (Eileen Buccola reported) Highlights from November 8 meeting include announcement that new board member Colin Leicht will join in January at next meeting. Other:
1. *Young Adult/Youth Ministry – Carina (not in attendance):*
  2. *Religious Ed - Julie*
    - RE registrations are still coming in
    - Reconciliation keepsakes for children are being assembled again like last year
    - New drop-off and pick-up routine for RE families, consolidated to one door for all grades
    - Discussed re-instituting Donut Sunday and looking for PC support/input
  3. *Adult Ministry - Kathy (not in attendance)*
- e. **Christian Service** (Maureen Shekleton reported). Highlights from November 10 meeting include:
- **CCW:** Continues to recruit for a Chair but is helping with Adopt A Family
  - **GEFP:** Donations are down – having to purchase food more than in the past, especially produce. Demand is way up. New building may be completed in January
  - **GEWIM:** Demand up – can use more volunteers. Joan is preparing a notice to go out in parish communications
  - **SVDP:** Higher costs draining available funds – seeing repeat clients
  - **ESSE:** Covid related shutdown x 1 week in Wheaton. Aurora site to open December 1
  - **PADS:** Mary Kay Mutz has stepped down. Currently serving 203 adults and 142 children. C. Greico coordinating young adults to assist with distributing Christmas items
  - **MOC:** Eight parishioners receiving Communion in home. Recruiting additional ministers (have 20 currently)
  - **Bridge:** Successful Sleep Out Sat. Demand increased. Starting intentional peer to peer support program. New stability program going well
  - **Funeral Luncheon:** Expanded to include Deanery dinner and GE Clergy lunch
  - **MC:** 170 served since February. Blessings in a box distribution December 10 with assist from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Need shoe boxes!!

- **Sudanese Service** (Klovirt Alnar absent)
  - Deacon Peter introduced to community
  - Fr. Milota met with community on Sunday. Need more folding chairs...growing! Want to give to the Capital Campaign as a group. Klovirt does a great job translating between Father and the community

8. Pastor's Report:

- Happy to have new staff members, including Betty Glover and Deacon Peter
- Speculation that increased Mass attendance is due to Capital Campaign mailing engaging more community members, in addition to several recent compelling program offerings

9. Pending Business:

a. **Capital Campaign**

- \$1.5 million pledged to date
- People are very busy, which makes fundraising meetings difficult to schedule
- Three cocktail parties to date. Positively received and open to Father's message (especially parishioners who may not attend Mass regularly)
- Truth is...people are out of practice giving to the parish itself

b. **Centennial Celebration**

- Father has been doing some research. Usually a formal date exists when the diocese establishes a parish by way of a bull (ecclesiastical document). Do know two important dates: celebration of fist Mass on April 19, 1925 and dedication of first building on November 7, 1925
- Feast Day of St. Petronille, January 31
- Have Bishop come and celebrate Mass and celebration, as well as a series of events throughout the year (education/lecture series, history of how church blends with Glen Ellyn's history (Mike Formento), 100-year Centennial Jubilee), entertainment (dinner dance/ball, day of the poor with announcing/Lent
- Need to assemble steering committee, possibly with two couple leading (one Parish and one school) to lay out and oversee a schedule of celebration activities, with different sub-committees underneath
- First task is to establish the beginning and end of the celebration year
- The church and school celebrate their 100th year almost simultaneously

10. New Business: None

11. Executive Session (if necessary called by Pastor or President): None

12. Closing Prayer: Offered by Fr. Les

13. Adjournment: 8:21pm

**Next regular meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

**\*Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and speak during Parish-ioner Participation**