

St. Petronille Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

1. Call to Order: The regular minutes of the St. Petronille Parish Council called to order at pm
2. Opening Prayer: Building in Faith prayer
3. Attendance: Present: Christy Collie—President,, Molly Hoerster—Secretary, Tim Donohue, Victor Trinkus, Joe Dougherty (Worship), Robert Van Witzenburg (School Board), Eileen Buccola (Religious Education), Maureen Shekleton (Christian Service), Klovirt Alnar (Sudanese Community), Fr. Thomas Milota—Pastor, Fr. Les—Parochial Vicar; Absent: Tom Kane (Finance), Kimberly Meinhart—Vice President
4. Parishioner Participation* (if any): None
5. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve February 21, 2023 minutes by Eileen, 2nd by Maureen, and all in favor
6. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve March 21, 2023 agenda by Tim, 2nd by Molly, and all in favor
7. Commission Reports
 - a. **Finance** (Tom Kane absent): No meeting this month, so no report
 - b. **Worship** (Joseph Dougherty reported): Highlights from March 7 meeting include:
 - Fr. Milota gave updates on Confirmation, Lenten activity (including Ash Wednesday and parish mission, and 100th anniversary
 - Eric R discussed Lenten music, Lenten Order of Service booklet, Fr. Palmer’s donation of his personal pipe organ to the Mary Chapel (which prompted an update of the pew/floor refurbishing project, and choir attendance
 - Deacon John and John C discussed increase in altar servers, change in Service Ministers, shortage of lectors and EMHCs, added coordination responsibilities of ushers for special Masses, and added live streaming for Triduum
 - Cathy D confirmed the use of key cards for safety at Eucharistic Adoration
 - Lisa A shared some research on National Eucharistic Revival, which the parish will incorporate on Corpus Christi Sunday and in the fall

- c. **School Board** (Robert VanWitzenburg) No report
 - d. **Religious Education** (Eileen Buccola reported) Highlights from March 14 meeting include:
 1. *Young Adult/Youth Ministry* -
 - Looking forward to meeting the new staff member Gaby Goritz starts full-time June 1
 2. *Religious Ed - Julie*
 - RE Board is still pursuing the revival of Donut Sunday, feasibility and logistics still underway
 - Confirmation 7th graders have introduction Interviews completed
 - First Communion retreat being planned
 - May crowning planning
 - Diocese has new catholicical formation available
 3. *Adult Ministry - Kathy (no report)*
 - e. **Christian Service** (Maureen Shekleton reported). No meeting in March due to Confirmation. Of note:
 - Deacon Peter and Maureen updated Parish ministry brochure and made copies available at last two Friday fish fry dinners, with Rich Cullotta's help
 - Deacon Peter updated website to include Choose Life
 - Giving DuPage is upcoming on May 1-5; this year, parish will communicate about it
 - **Sudanese Service** (Klovirt Alnar)
 - Kolvirt thanked all for prayers for his wife/surgery
 - Meeting with Deacon Peter — organizing and doing some kind of catechism for the community. Rosary and Lenten Bible study, preparing for Easter (want to do it as a community). Catechism for the kids is going well. Group is continuing to grow (71 families (with 5-12 persons in each family)).
8. Pastor's Report:
- **Lent:** Noted significance of Lent in our lives. Holiest week of year. Acknowledged that Spring Break falls during Holy Week, but encouraged families to participate in the Triduum. Tenebrae (meaning "shadows") 11:30 Holy Thursday (office for Good Friday ending with Christ candle being carried out of the church). Three persons being baptized and 9 confirmed at vigil.

9. Pending Business:

a. **Capital Campaign**

- \$5.5 million pledged to date plus \$200K matching gift. Dr. Kelly visit with formal reception following weekend after Easter. Need to get to \$6.25M to be able to get HVAC system for school
- School subsidy is being tied to parish revenue as opposed to a flat number as in the past

b. **Centennial Celebration**

- Father provided important historical parish dates as a springboard
- Feast Day of St. Petronille, May 31 — propose Bishop celebrating Mass followed by party afterward outdoors
- September 6 - pending approval of school board, plan some sort of gala event

10. New Business: None

11. Executive Session (if necessary called by Pastor or President): At 8:25pm, we moved into executive session. We resumed the regular meeting at 8:40pm

12. Closing Prayer: Offered by Fr. Les

13. Adjournment: 8:45pm

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, April 18, 2023

***Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and speak during Parishioner Participation**