**Our Lady of Peace Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 21, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Koranteng at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Walter offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL: Fr. Walter Dziordz, Fr. Mark Baron, Eric Koranteng, Dennis Morajda, Jane Moss, Walter Block, Mae Ciancio, Susie Zondor, Joe Ventimiglia

Apologies: Kellie Moore

AGENDA: Chairman Eric Koranteng called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Dennis Morajda motioned for the approval, which was seconded by Mae Ciancio. All voted to approve the meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Eric Koranteng called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting. Wally Block motioned for approval and was seconded by Dennis Morajda. All voted to approve the minutes.

NEW MEMBERS: Susie Zondor and Joe Ventimiglia were welcomed as new members to the Parish Council. Chairman Eric Koranteng acknowledged and thanked Fr. Walter for reaching out to Susie and Joe to serve on the Council.

OPENING REMARKS: Fr. Walter commented on the energy and optimism of the Parish Council working to the benefit of our Parish. Fr. Mark continues to meet members and address the needs of our Parish community. The Parish is moving forward during the transition.

PARISH RAFFLE: This important fundraiser has been revived with the Parish Council overseeing the raffle. Various ministries of the parish will be asked to help sell tickets. 350 tickets will be sold at $100 each. The drawing will be held on Father’s Day, June 16.

An Early Bird drawing with 4 prizes will be held on April 1. This will encourage people to buy their raffle tickets early to participate in this drawing. The raffle will be launched the weekend of March 9-10. There was a discussion about a brochure that parishioners could take home to fill out and return to purchase tickets since many people do not carry that much cash with them. Also, there was a discussion about using electronic means (charge cards) to purchase tickets. This would encourage more ticket sales. This would be investigated.

STEWARDSHIP: Deacon Frank has prepared the welcome packet for new parishioners and it has been delivered to our new parishioners. The next step will be Fr. Walter’s follow up phone call to the newly registered parishioners to welcome them and to see how things are going and to answer any questions. The new parishioners/families will be invited to become involved with any of the parish ministries. About 17 new families have registered in our parish since the beginning of this year.

DONUT SUNDAY: Donut Sunday continues to be popular. Different ministries will be helping and will have the opportunity to talk about their programs.

PARISH MISSION: The annual Parish Mission will be held March 18, 19, and 20. Friar Johnpaul will lead the Mission. He is planning to involve parishioners from the different ministries in the services.

Fr. Mark talked about having another Mission in the fall, possibly a Divine Mercy Mission in September. When confirmed, save the date cards will be given out. The Missions have been well attended. We will also be looking at having more speakers come to our Parish.

LENTEN BOOKLET: Chairman Eric Koranteng presented a booklet to the Council that would be given to families of the Parish. This booklet has a daily reflection with a positive action that could be done. The Council approved the purchase of the booklet for our families.

UPDATE – Unfortunately, this booklet is no longer available this year. We will look into this for next year.

PARISH COUNCIL MISSION & EVANGELIZATION: Discussion was started about revisiting the Parish Council Mission Statement to make sure it is updated and meets the needs of the Parish Council. This would make goal setting easier and give more direction for the Parish Council.

There was a discussion about the possibility of having a retreat for the Parish Council to address the concerns and needs of our Parish. The next Parish Council meeting will be a Prayer Meeting in the Church Chapel. Susie Zondor will organize this evening of prayer and reflection.

OLOP SCHOOL: Interviews will be starting soon for the principal. Our search committee is working with the Catholic Schools Office. Applications have been received and are being reviewed

FACILITIES: The agreement for Use of Parish Facilities by organizations will be amended to include a termination clause to be exercised by the Parish if necessary. A deposit will now be included as part of the rental agreement.

We will be looking at new kneelers for the Church. The present kneelers are the originals and replacement parts are no longer available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Welcome Retreat - Women, March 2-3; and Men, March 9-10.

Annual Family Fish Fry – March 22, 4:30 – 7:30.

40 Days for Life begins March 6.

Dignity of Life has a new bulletin board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a closing prayer led by Fr. Mark.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019. This meeting will be a Prayer Meeting in the Church Chapel beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Jane Moss (Secretary), and approved for adoption by Council on March 14, 2019.