**Our Lady of Peace Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2019**

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

ROLL CALL: Eric Koranteng, Dennis Morajda, Jane Moss, Walter Block, Mae Ciancio, Susie Zondor, Joe Ventimiglia

 Apologies: Fr. Walter Dziordz, Fr. Mark Baron, Kellie Moore

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Eric Koranteng called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting. Joe Ventimiglia motioned for approval and was seconded by Dennis Morajda. All voted to approve the minutes.

OPENING REMARKS: Chairman Eric Koranteng thanked Parish Council members for their commitment and dedication to the spiritual life of our Parish.

CHRISM MASS: This Mass will be held on April 15, 2019 in Joliet. Eric had 2 tickets to offer to Parish Council members.

PARISH RAFFLE: As of April 2, 2019, 211 tickets have been sold. There have been tickets sold since then. The Early Bird raffle with prizes were incentives to purchase tickets early. Possibly more prizes could be added to next year’s Early Bird Drawing. The flyer included in the weekly bulletin was thought to have helped sales as a reminder to purchase tickets. Flyers were also mailed back to the Parish Office with checks enclosed. No raffle tickets will be sold at Church Easter weekend or Divine Mercy weekend.

EFT: The Parish Council and the Finance Committee have each discussed the possibility of using EFT as a means of payment for Parish/school events or functions. It may be used next year for the raffle to see if it helps increase sales.

CHAT ROOM: Using a Chat Room continued to be discussed for use by the Parish Council. This would be for Parish Council members only. All conversations and information would be protected. Documents could be stored and then would become a permanent record. It could also be used for live discussions if the Parish Council was not able to meet. Eric will talk with the representative from the Diocese for more information and how this would be set up within Diocesan guidelines.

PARISH COUNCIL ROLE: Discussion continued on the role of Parish Council and the spirituality of our Parish. One of the focuses of the Parish Council will be the spiritual upliftment of our Parish Community. Several ideas were discussed:

- Parish Council will work to bring together all the ministries of our Parish. -Bring in speakers for Parish Council/Parish.

-Retreats for Parish Council. -Theme for the year. This theme would be incorporated in all parish activities possibly even the school. An example could be one of the 7 virtues, such as humility. The following year, another virtue could be the theme. -A questionnaire could be sent to all Parish ministries asking how Parish Council could help their ministry. -A Parish novena. -A Parish Rosary for 2020. “20 for 20” All 20 decades of the Rosary would be said on a Sunday afternoon. Possibly a couple different Parish groups could sponsor to get more parishioners involved. This could be done quarterly during the year 2020. The school children could also be involved during the school day. - Using the Chapel at the back of the Church more. Possibly the Friday night Holy Hour could be held in the chapel. Moving the candles used for special intentions located in the narthex to the Chapel was also discussed.

REFLECTION NIGHT: The Parish Council held a Reflection Night in the Chapel on March 14. This evening brought a sense of togetherness nurturing our spiritual growth. Members commented on the quiet time and mindfulness. It gave time for each of us to reflect on what I am doing and what more I could do. Each member of the Parish Council participated in the prayer service. It brought us together on the work we are trying to do at our Parish. We will plan to have more of these Reflection Nights, possibly every quarter. Susie Zondor organized this Reflection Night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The feast day of Our Lady of Peace is July 9. The next meeting date was not announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with a closing prayer led by Susie Zondor.

Respectively submitted,

 Jane Moss

April 24, 2019