

Newman Center Parish Council 11/14/2017

Present: Fr. Peter, Betty, Ryan, Kathleen, Cassie (student leader). Joined late (after other meeting): Corinne. Absent: Disa. Get well soon, Ed!

Margaret has resigned.

Minutes of 10/24/2017 meeting – Approved.

Stewardship Prayer – Parable of the talents. Does fear keep us from using our talents? Need to overcome fear to grow. Fear of failure, of letting people down, of moving out of comfort zone. Recognize and encourage people's talents.

Pastor's Report. Guiding Document for Newman Center Strategic Planning. 3 goals:

- 1) new parish council members (5 or so)
- 2) town hall meeting
- 3) strategic plan

Distributed minutes of last Newman Center Parish Town Hall Meeting. Homework for all: review answers to questions; pull out vision; set priorities. Working toward Town Hall Meeting in spring.

Development Director's Report. (Online; no Q/A.)

Campus Ministry Report. A lot of events over the past month, including first UO Newman Club meeting. Many students attended fall retreat which was well supported (\$\$) by parishioners. S.A.L.T. leadership team is working well with Focus missionaries this year. Friendsgiving and Coffee House coming up. With holidays coming up, please keep traveling students in our prayers.

Fr. Peter said this student leadership team is very organized, for example, holding the first Newman Club meeting. They will use input from the students who attended to help plan winter term activities.

Discuss - Possible new council members. Betty suggested many names. Kathy suggested asking people from active Newman groups:

Healing Prayer	UO Faculty
St. Vincent de Paul	Choir
Laudato Si	Eucharistic Ministers
Moms Group	Men's Group

Also Fr. Peter will make an announcement to all. Interested parishioners will be invited to attend a parish council meeting in the new year.

Discuss – Handling of Mass cards. Procedures have changed. Fr. Garry and Kathy are handling this now. Can do this online. People should also be able to stop in and do this but not all of the staff is trained. When someone comes into Newman Center there is no receptionist as Linda and Kathy have been moved to another office to create another meeting space for students. Bigger issue: having someone to greet people who come into the Newman Center.

Discuss - Community Emergency Response proposal. Will discuss this in January.

Adjourned at 8p. Next meeting: January 16 (no December meeting).