

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2014

Attendees:

The meeting was called to order by Judi Ryan, Chair. New members were welcomed to their first meeting, including Deacon Jay Cormier and Jim Wilder, our newly appointed member. Absent were Fr. Tom, Deacon David, and Shawn McDonough. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the members via email, and have been sent to Denise Cannon for posting at both church locations.

1. Two readings were read and after a period of reflection, the Council was invited to share.
2. Election of Officers, 1yr terms
 - a. Steve Barretto, Chairperson
 - b. Joe Balzano, Vice Chairperson
 - c. Judi Ryan, Secretary
3. Anna Willis was welcomed and thanked for her many years of service to our Parish in the role of Music Director. Anna reviewed the many accomplishments during her 18years in that role – pipe organ @ St. Joe’s, initiation of caroling to the homebound, merging of the music ministries, Dan Schutte concert/workshop to name a few. She also shared her recommendations for improvement as we move forward, recognizing the importance of music in our worship, and the wishes of the parishioners. Communication and fairness were stressed as most important @ this time. Anna was presented with a dish garden as a token of “thanks”
4. Pastor’s report highlights – Fr. John
 - a. Budget deficit continues. Use of reserves needed to make May assessment payment to the Diocese and avoid late interest charges.
 - b. One of the two largest assessments for the Parish is for Catholic schools. Most of this comes back in the form of an \$800 subsidy per student for those registered in the Parish.
5. Anna will continue to do two Masses. It is presumed 3-4hrs/week is needed in order to add a 2nd contemporary Mass. Recruitment for this

director of the contemporary Mass will commence this summer. The working group for the selection are Deacon Jay, Tom Garnier, Anna Willis, Steve Goddu. Two members of Pastoral Council are requested to participate - Amy Healey and Susan Frazier volunteered.

6. Old Business

- a. Long range planning committee update –the proposal is under revision with the Finance Committee due to recent changes in expense projections. Once finalized, the proposal will be presented to the LRP Committee for approval and sent to Bishop Peter for decision.

7. New Business

- a. Website template overview – Steve
 - i. Please review and comment via email to Steve/Fr. Tom by Tuesday, 6/17
- b. Liturgy Committee – next meeting 6/26 @ 7:15pm in St. Joe’s family room. Jim Wilder and Christi Dignam volunteered to attend as Council reps
- c. Homily theme reminder – Steve
 - i. Please review list and send recommendations to Fr. Tom by 6/20
- d. Rebuilt conference – Friday, Nov 7th Timonium, MD
 - i. Registration now open – please consider attending if possible
- e. Music program planning
 - i. What is purpose of music? Since it is prayer, it should lift the mind and heart to God, but also bring about unity in the assembly.
 - 1. Current – Sometimes our music is not calling parishioners to sing, either because of its difficulty or unfamiliarity with it.
 - 2. Future – Greater awareness of using music to bring the community in unity to God.
 - ii. It was suggested the music sub-committee reconvene in the fall – all agreed.

8. Other Business

- a. Badges will be ordered for new members. You are requested to wear them at church functions and Masses so others will know who we are and can approach us if needed.
 - b. New members are requested to submit a picture and write a short note about themselves and their goals to introduce themselves to the congregation as Council members.
9. Closing prayer – Deacon Jay

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Ryan

Next meeting, Thursday August 14th

Emmaus Room