

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish
Pastoral Council meeting minutes

June 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm. The opening prayer/reading was from the Gospel of St Mark 4:26-34 with discernment following.

1. Catechetical Planning task force report – Ed Nordegren was welcomed and summarized the work of the group meeting over the past 3 years. This group was commissioned by Pastoral Council based on a directive received from the National Directory of Catechesis. The work is a slow, thoughtful process, and once the plan is complete, it will be presented to Pastoral Council and our help will be solicited to keep the plan “alive”. There is no specific date required for completion.
2. Election of Officers –
 - a. Executive Council consists of President (Pastor), Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary
 - b. Judi Ryan presented a nomination for a slate of officers – Steve Barretto, Chairperson; Joe Balzano, Vice Chairperson; Lisa Ricci, Secretary. The nomination was seconded and unanimously approved. Congratulations to our officers!!
3. Old Business
 - a. Ministry Volunteers – the web page for Ministries has been updated for easy access and information retrieval. The planning group will be meeting this summer to plan recruitment for our ministries beginning in early fall. Judi will present the plan to the council at the August meeting.
 - b. On line donations –

- i. Chris presented a laminated card stating “I give on line” as an idea to be available in the back of the churches for those who wish to have something to put into the baskets as they are passed during Mass. All were in agreement with the idea. Sue will design a card for our use.
 - ii. There are 2 ways to give on line – Parish Pay or website Seamless Donations (Pay Pal). Fr. John told the group that some companies “match” donations.
 - iii. It was suggested a notice be placed in the envelopes packets- “Did you know you can give electronically?”
4. Pope Francis’s trip to Philadelphia- 14 persons have expressed interest in participating in a “day trip” to Phily. There is no one to date who has come forward to organize the trip. Steve will investigate with Cruise Travel for suggestions.
5. Pastoral Council attending different parish masses – requests to send observation via email to Joe prior to the next meeting

New Business

- a. Pastor’s report
 - i. Yearly deficit \$35,130. Stained glass window replacement at MQP \$ 8600. The collection for Nepal totaled \$ 3044.
 - ii. Air conditioning at MQP is working.
 - iii. A subcommittee of the Finance/Pastoral Council with the Long Range Planning committee are in the process of costing out the work/repairs needed to both campuses. The plan is to send three (3) scenarios to the Bishop for review.
 - iv. St. Joseph’s Regional school needs a new roof at a cost of \$97,000. The Diocese will loan the money needed,

with the Parish's backing of the loan. The school has \$40,000 to contribute – the Parish will budget \$15,000 for this project for each of the next two (2) years.

- v. Eighteen (18) students graduated from the school today.
- b. Justine DuFour, our new Pastoral Minister is coordinating the Parish Picnic. Coffee/donuts will continue throughout the summer @ MQP. Volunteers are needed to support this increase. Theresa is the point person with Justine – please contact either one if you can assist. There was a brief discussion re offering coffee/donuts also at St. Joe's – this will need to be pursued going forward.
- c. Sub-committee reports
 - i. Welcoming Parish Community – response re requests for gluten free hosts identified 4 families: two attend 9:30 MQP; 1 attends 4pm Sat MQP; 1 attends 5pm Sun St. Joes. Amy will design a single process to be followed at both churches for these families and others that may need this service.
 - ii. Chris will be drafting an invitation to all identified current greeters/ushers/coordinators to meet with the Fathers and a few Pastoral Council members to thank them for their service, emphasize the importance of their ministry and solicit their ideas regarding our current process or any requests they may have.
 - iii. Badges for greeters/ushers for identification in the event a parishioner needs assistance. Lanyards vs badges was discussed – Tina will head the project.
 - iv. The 5pm Mass has seen an increase in attendance. Christi Dignam has taken over coordinating this Mass.

Christi thanked all council members who have helped, as well as Maryann Murach and Joan Iannazzo. Lisa Ricci has been trained as an EM, and Christi is in the training process. A new altar server has been trained. Additional ministry assists are needed – Ems, Lectors, Altar Servers, Usher/Greeters. Current ministry persons are being contacted to inquire their availability to assist once a month or as their schedules permit.

- d. Summer meeting – July 15th. A short meeting will be held for those who are available to attend – 7:15pm, Emmaus room. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 13th, 7:15pm, Emmaus Room.
- e. Touch a Truck – school activity, Sunday 6/14 – please attend/volunteer if possible
- f. Revival of DOTs group and youth group events discussion – tabled until September agenda.

Fr. John's Farewell Party

Saturday, July 25th 6:00pm, School auditorium