

Parish Saints Mary and Joseph
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 by Steve Barretto, Chairperson. The minutes of September 11th were approved, and signed copy was provided for posting at each church as well as the web site.

1. The opening prayer was from the Gospel of St. Matthew 18:1:5, 10 read by Judi Ryan with discernment to follow.
2. Pastor's report – Fr. John
 - a. Offertory deficit as of 9/28/14, \$34,519. Offertory deficit as of 9/29/13, \$30,306.
 - b. John-Paul Lavoie, a parishioner, is the newly hired maintenance position for the parish. He will maintain both campuses.
 - c. Fr. John attended the Tri-Province Pastor's meeting in Richmond, Va. The eastern provincials requested increased cooperation among the ministries in the areas of vocation promotion, the Spiritual Exercises, social ministries, and the international apostolate.
 - d. Fr. John will be making his annual retreat from Oct 7-14.
 - e. The first week of Kid's Church welcomed 10 children into the Preschool and 2 children in the nursery. Children's Liturgy of the Word @ MQP had 9 children, St. Joe's approximately 25.
 - f. Review of upcoming events was discussed. Annual Christmas Party will be celebrated at the Rectory on Dec. 5th at 5:00 PM.
3. Old Business
 - a. Long Range planning committee – Finance council has submitted the revised report, including salaries for 2 priests, as well as the \$3 million cost of St. Joe's expansion with associated borrowing request. Fr. Tom is reviewing and seeking clarification from Ken Fure. The current revised proposal will be sent to the Long Range Planning committee for review. It was suggested Long Range planning meet with Finance and the Priests for discussion/clarification if deemed necessary.
 - b. Homily//Music themes – Fr. Tom created a chart from October 5th through Pentecost Sunday, which was shared with Fr. John and Fr.

Bill. The themes were based on the pie chart segments previously distributed, and will be explained to the congregation in four week segments. Once agreed upon, Fr. John will share with the Music ministries for hymn/song selections.

- c. Music sub-committee- Fr. John and Deacon Jay will discuss the committee's role and future need. A flyer will be posted at "The Music Workshop" in Salem which invites interested musicians to become involved in the new 9:30 AM contemporary group at MQP.
 - d. MQP 4PM Mass coordination for greeters/collectors/ushers – Lorraine & Dave Thompson will recruit volunteers to serve in these capacities.
 - e. Masses schedule changes – positive feedback re 2nd week 9:30 Mass @ MQP. Council will reassess the progress of the new family Mass at next month's Pastoral Council meeting.
 - f. New website migration – reviews positive by all committee members. Actual migration to begin soon. Susan Frazier volunteered to assist with the activity, as well as Elaine Lavin and possibly some additional volunteers.
4. New Business
- a. Pastoral Council retreat workshop follow up – Individual working groups will meet and set timeline based on their discussion items for follow up and action, including an estimate of the number of people needed to work on specific projects. It is recommended the groups identify common themes in their respective summary topics as to what makes sense and identification of specific needs, and set priorities.
 - b. Workcamp 2016 – Sue Levesque, with assistance from Chris Raymond presented an overview of prior Workcamp experiences. A discussion followed as to the feasibility of our Parish community hosting a future event to benefit the less fortunate in our area. The purpose of Workcamp is to help others and give to others by working together, sharing various faith experiences, and interacting with these selected families with singing, praying, and performing needed projects for them. Possible locations for hosting/housing the volunteers were discussed. Salem High School is likely unavailable due to scheduled renovations, but Windham HS was mentioned as one of the possibilities.

5. Other Business

- a. Parish booklets – are in the process of needing revisions for re-printing. We will be speaking with all identified ministry chairs to ascertain they are the appropriate contact people with the appropriate phone numbers. The contact list will be inserted into the booklet with a date to insure accuracy.
- b. Lector training/updates – in process of presenting. There has been some consolidation of lectors at the St Joseph's campus due to Mass schedule changes. Consistency and clarity will be reinforced at Lector training.
- c. Parish mission statement – there was some discussion about whether to read bimonthly or even biweekly, but it was agreed to be read at all Masses for the next month.
- d. Fr. Tom offered to take minutes at the November meeting, as Judi will be away.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Ryan, Secretary

Next meeting

Thursday, November, 13 2014

7:15pm Emmaus Room, MQP

Carry over agenda items;

-How do we become a more welcoming community, i.e. non-Catholics in church

-Report on Salemfest Day