

Parish Saints Mary & Joseph

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

1. Call to order –
2. Opening prayer & discernment – The Shepherd Gathers Us (Isaiah 40:11)
 - a. Comments shared with group/by group
3. Pastor's report – Fr. John
 - a. Request to change Oct meeting from 10/9 to 10/2 approved
 - b. Question raised relative to the 20K Parish deficit – weekly report of offertory does not identify other sources for additional revenue to the Parish. Past experience of annual offertory increases of 2-3% was not realized this past year – the first year of decreased total \$\$s.
4. Old Business
 - a. Long Range Planning Committee update
 - i. Proposal not ready to go to Bishop – financial revision in process. Some of the uncertainty of retaining the Jesuit contract for another 3 yrs., which would include 2 Priests, adds to the delay when trying to present a comprehensive proposal, as well as the larger question of the ability (financially) to retain the operation of both churches. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday 8/21/14 at which time it is expected they will address the aforementioned issues.
 - ii. Parish members are expressing frustration with delay, however, and along with the Long Range planning committee are looking forward to sending a final presentation to the bishop for his review and direction for the future.
 - iii. This item will remain on the agenda monthly.
 - b. Homily/music follow up re 4wk themes
 - i. Discussion surrounding the draft of “Becoming Disciples” including the topics contained within the circle along with the subsets contained within.

- ii. Discussion/suggestions for title: Full circle of Faith; Growing with Christ; Growing as Catholics
 - 1. Use of term disciples may be “scary” to John Q. Public.
 - 2. Use term Catholic instead of Christian – may be too general
 - 3. Action: Fr. Tom will send out list of suggestions for review and vote. Comments to be sent to Fr. Tom by Tuesday, Aug 19th
 - c. Liturgy Committee report – no report. Unable to attend last mtg. Next meeting scheduled 9/3/14 @ 7:15. Location TBA
 - d. New Website update
 - i. Word Press #1 template selected
 - ii. In addition to Elaine, Susan volunteered to assist with the possibility of Donna Sytek also. Christi volunteered to take photos and provide pictures for the revised website
 - e. Rebuilt Conference, November 7th.
 - i. 9 persons registered and attending
- 5. New Business
 - a. MQP Family Mass Celebration – 9:30
 - i. Contemporary music minister position posted on website – within diocese – Ma/NH network. Two candidates scheduled for interview 8/29 - if 3rd candidate surfaces, interview will be 8/30. Contemporary Mass scheduled for a “soft start” at MQP on 9/14 with the expectation of building a group of talented musicians in the future.
 - ii. Kids Church - Flyer created for distribution @Salem Fest scheduled for 9/20. Flyer reviewed/comments received. Additional suggestions/comments to Sue Levesque. Susan volunteered to work on “mother’s wording” as explanations and send to Sue L. At the MQP site, the Family Mass will include age ranges (0-2) babysitting, 2 people have volunteered to babysit for this age group; 3-5 Preschool – Fr. Tom has recruited 2 volunteers + 2 high school students from Happy Days to assist.

- iii. ** Group requested to recruit additional help - will need 2 adults per room @ all times; need assist w/purchase supplies for each room; ? Request donations; ** please send all suggestions to Fr. Tom/ Sue Levesque ASAP. **9/14/14 first week planned to hold 1st Kids Church Mass at MQP**
- b. Rebuilt handouts – defer to September meeting for discussion

6. Other

- a. Pastoral Council retreat – Save the Date
 - i. September 19th – 6-9pm; Council members are asked to bring appetizer dishes to share for the Friday night session.
 - ii. September 20th – 8am-1pm – Steve will check on the availability of the K of C for those dates.
- b. Parish picnic reminder – 9/7/14. Door hangers were distributed to group – will be distributed @ Masses for parishioners to distribute to neighbors

Next Meeting

September 11, 2014

7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Ryan, Secretary