

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:23. The opening prayer and discernment was led by Fr. John with a reading from the Philippians.

1.) Pastor's report- Fr. John

- a. Offertory deficit as of 09/07 was \$23,028 – last year \$21,572
- b. Interviews in process for Parish Maintenance – both campuses
- c. Kyle Erickson – Contemporary music leader for 9:30 Mass @ MQP begins on 9/21
- d. St. Joseph's Regional School k- Noreen McAloon is new principal. Enrollment this year K-8 108; Pre-school 27
- e. K of C is donating a new digital video camera for the Parish. First usage will be at MQP to live-stream to the monitor in the narthex, then to Kid's Church classrooms and onto the website.

2.) Old Business

- a. Long Range Planning Committee - update - financial projections of the three proposals are complete and ready for final review by Fr. Tom and Scott Routhier. Fr. John will compose cover letter. Target date for presentation readiness 10/15. Long Range Planning Committee will review prior to submission to the Bishop if deemed appropriate.
- b. Homily/Music Themes: Growing as Disciples of Jesus as the focus for selections. The Priests/Deacons will meet to discuss ideas.
- c. Liturgy Committee report – limited attendance at recent meeting
 - i. Challenges – 4pm Mass @ MQP lacks consistent ushers, greeters, collectors. Lorraine Thompson and Steve Barretto will find coordinators for the 4pm Mass.
 - ii. Discussion surrounding All Saints and All Souls celebration Masses this year as they fall on the weekend. All Saints, Saturday, Nov 1; All Souls, Sunday, Nov 2
 - iii. Lector training planned – discussion held regarding setting guidelines for lector roles when 2 are scheduled vs 1 scheduled.
- d. Website migration – in process. It is expected the migration of data entry will commence in approximately 1 month. Susan volunteered

to assist if needed to move process along. Steve will check with 36 Creative, a professional website development company whose owner is a parishioner, and who has volunteered to spearhead the transition.

- e. Kid's Church update –
 - i. many volunteers recruited for assistance – Scheduling by Sue Levesque
 - ii. Beautiful mural painted in room for nursery by Mary Lou Sears, a parishioner
 - iii. Banner to be hung in pre-school room
 - iv. Information will be available for all @ Salemfest – Location, Kelley Library, Saturday 9-4pm
 - f. Pastoral Council retreat – Friday 9/19 – Saturday 9/20
 - i. Fr. John/Fr. Tom will organize content including review of what we have accomplished since our retreat last year. Topics to include Kids Church and becoming a welcoming parish.
 - g. Parish Picnic and Outdoor Mass
 - i. Excellent atmosphere this year – attendance approx. same as last year
 - ii. Is there a way to capture new people who attend and follow up post picnic??
- 3.) New Business
- a. “Do Something for My Kids”
 - i. Discussion not held in interest of time. It will be integrated into our retreat topics. Members were reminded to bring handouts.
- 4.) Closing prayer by Amy Healey

Next meeting

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Upcoming Activities

Thursday, Sept. 25th – Religious Ed fundraiser 5-8pm @ Fuddruckers

Saturday, Oct. 4, 11am Blessing of the Animals @ MQP

Sunday, Oct. 19, 7pm Benefit Concert for the Parish @ MQP led by Brenda Terry

Sunday, November 16, 3pm Confirmations @ MQP

Respectfully submitted,

