

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 9,2018

Council Members Present: Deacon Jay Cormier, Joan Iannazzo, Kristen Klecan, Dawn Pavlini, Chris Raymond, Betty Reddy, Ken Tarara, Lorraine Thompson

Council Members Not Present: Deb Carney, Therese Vallario

Guest(s): Fr. Vincent Onunkwo

Call to Order: 7:18PM

Open Prayer: Fr. Vincent

Results of Pastoral Council Executive Committee Elections Held In June:

The elections for the Pastoral Council Executive Committee were held on June 14, 2018. Due to the transitional phase that the Parish has entered, the results of the election were inadvertently unpublished.

The results were as follows: Chairperson: Chris Raymond

Vice Chairperson: Kristen Klecan Secretary: Dawn Pavlini

Fr. Vincent's Introduction: Fr. Marc Gagne and Bishop Libasci were unable to attend the Pastoral Council Meeting. Fr. Vincent was invited to attend and observe the proceedings by Fr. Marc. Fr. Vincent stated that he was in attendance to observe and did not have any official statements to share in regards to the selection of a Pastor. Any and all questions in regards to this topic should be referred to Bishop Libasci.

Pastoral Council Members Introductions: Each of the Pastoral council members who were present at the meeting introduced themselves as a courtesy to Fr. Vincent. Each member stated how long they had served on the council, their role within the council and Parish, family, and work experiences.

Old Business Updates:

Pastoral Council Minutes: Dawn exhorted the protocol for the publication of the Pastoral Council Minutes that had been followed under Fr. Tom's Pastorship. The minutes were sent to the chairperson and the Pastor. They would make any necessary additions/deletions. The minutes were then forwarded by the chairperson to all council members for their approval or comments on any changes. Once the majority of the members accepted the minutes, a hard copy would be posted at both campuses as well as on the Parish website for all parishioners to view.

Welcoming Committee: Kristen reported that Rosary welcome bags available at both campuses have been successful. The welcoming Rosary baskets are being taken and are in need of replenishing often. At the present time, Lilly McKenzie's group has been making and providing the Rosaries. Kristen was inquiring if anyone had suggestions on groups/people who would be willing to assist with this ministry. Betty exhorted that perhaps the residents of Salemhaven or Salem Woods may be interested. Betty was going to investigate this further.

New Business:

Executive Session: The council entered into an executive session in order to discuss a letter from Bishop Libasci regarding possible Mass Schedule changes in the upcoming future.

Town Hall Meeting: The Bishop will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on September 9, 2018 at 3:00pm in the St. Joseph School Auditorium. This announcement has been in the bulletin as well as on the Parish website.

Parish Picnic: The Bishop has decided that this event would be more practical to have next Fall. This is a large event and needs at least a year to plan and recruit volunteers. The Parish Staff had inquired of the Pastoral Council in hosting a Harvest Fest this October. This would be geared towards children. The council unanimously decided against hosting this event. The rationale is that it takes a while to plan, and we are short on planning time at this point.

Salem Fest: This is being held on September 15th. If anyone is interested in sitting at the Parish Booth between the hours of 9:00am-2:00pm, they can let Kay or Kristen know.

MQP Street Sign: Steve Barretto (a Knight of Columbus) had donated the current sign in front of the MQP campus. He has secured \$1,700 to replace the current sign with a new one. The council members were presented with six possible designs on which to vote. Three had a yellow background and three had a white background. The image of Mary and Joseph has been eliminated. The council unanimously voted on the design with the white background/black lettering with the wording “all are welcome”.

Next Council Meeting: September 13, 2018 (tentative) at MQP in the Emmaus Room

Closing Prayer: 8:51PM Deacon Jay