

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, April 5, 2018

Elected Members in Attendance: Mary Dewald, Denise Blum, Margie King, Debbie Klein, Bill Windisch, Pam Vehr
Elected Members Not Present: Mary Hummeldorf, Bill Keuper
Ex Officio Members in Attendance: Jenni Petrey **Ex Officio Not Present:** Fr. Gardner, Wilma McGlasson
Recording Secretary: Janice Stentz

Opening Prayer

February minutes: Approved (There was not a PC meeting in March)

Fr. Gardner's Report

Fr. Jerry was not in attendance due to his vacation time so there is no report for him this month.

Faith Formation Director's Report: Report submitted by Wilma McGlasson

- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club** continues to meet every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. All adults are welcome. The group is currently reading *Sacred Fire* by Ronald Rohlheiser. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.
- **Scripture Study:** The group has not yet decided on a convenient day, time and place to meet to read and reflect on the readings of the upcoming Sunday Liturgies. They are waiting for winter weather to subside.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** St.MM has three 2nd grade students preparing for First Communion which will take place on Sun., May 6. Our three 7th grade students were confirmed on Mar. 18 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. They will be introduced to the parish during 10:30 a.m. Mass on April 8 with a reception following in the Holy Family Room. Please join us in congratulating them.
- **David the King series** by Bishop Robert Barron from Word on Fire was completed on Palm Sunday. Those who participated feel the information they learned will help as they pursue studies of Church History since they have a better understanding of the heritage of Jesus who began our Christian way of life.
- **Easter Dinner Food Collection:** The food items collected were well received and appreciated by Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing. Thanks to all who donated food for this organization.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, questions or requests for additional information for any of the Faith Formation activities mentioned above should be directed to the parish Faith Formation Director, Wilma McGlasson, 729-0222 or email wmcglasson@fuse.net.

Communications Commission (CC): Janice reported

- The group is planning to meet in April.
- The next newsletter is in production now. There were not many who responded with content so it may be a light issue. PC members offered a few suggestions to be added that will be considered as the layout work continues. Next issue is due in homes the first week of May.
- Jenni gave some feedback on the Welcome packet mockup that Communications provided to her. She is generally pleased with a few suggestions for additional content. This will be reviewed at the next CC meeting. She also suggested that some kind of practice of welcoming be put into place to work along with the packet to make new members to the parish feel comfortable and welcomed. She also expressed a desire to see the formation of a welcoming/hospitality group to oversee such things.

Finance: Jenni reported

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Thu., Apr. 12. There is a need for one new member to join the committee. Anyone who is interested, or can recommend someone, please contact the parish office, 521-7387.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- The work of installing the new stalls and repairing and painting the walls and ceilings of the older bathrooms has been completed.
- The Concessions Room is in the process of being painted and cleaned up.
- Leaks have been discovered in the heating pipes connecting the boiler to the newer wing of the PAC. They are going to need some attention with the possibility that a new method of heating those spaces will be required. The investigation of options has only begun so it is too early to know how involved this will be or how much it will cost.

Parish Service Organization: Report by Denise

- The Italian Dinner is this weekend (Sat., Apr 7). Volunteers are needed to help with transporting food up from the cafeteria. The dinner will be in Madonna Hall this year.
- The group will next be helping with bingo at Mt. Healthy Christian Village on Sat., Apr. 21. (Always the 3rd Saturday of the month) Volunteers are always welcome as well as donations of items to be used as prizes. (Lotions, small plush toys, blankets, crossword books, etc.) Contact Denise Blum if you have questions, 328-1517.

- The Easter Egg Scramble took place on Easter Sunday and was very well attended. Everyone had fun.
- Scholarship applications for St.MM's OLG 8th grade graduates have been mailed. The scholarship winner(s) will be announced during the Graduates Celebration reception after the 10:30 Mass on Sun., May 20 in the Holy Family Room.

Old Business – Parish Council Nomination & Election Timeline

Six nominations were received. Not all have replied yet. Of those that have, one has agreed to the nomination and three have declined.

Old Business – Casino Night

The evening went very well. It worked nicely having it in the cafeteria this year. Pre-sales with the option of reserving tables for groups worked well and was a popular option. It was noted that there is a need for more volunteers next year. Total profit from the event: \$5,574.99

Old Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

- Jenni reported that Janice Stentz and her sister are in the process of locating some of the original documents related to the official establishment of the parish so that an exact anniversary date can be confirmed. Along with this, they are hoping to be able to compile all of the information along with documents, building plans, photos, stories, etc. into a permanent Heritage Room where the history of the parish will be told from when it began to present day. More is to come as the project evolves.
- A planning committee has not yet been formed. The Archbishop will need to be invited/scheduled well in advance of the date on which the parish wants to have the anniversary Mass and celebration.

New Business – Bingo

Debbie reported that the Bingo Committee has purchased a new bingo console which will be put into first use this Friday (Apr. 6). She also reported that Bingo attendance has been up, which is wonderful, but also increases the need for volunteers to help in all areas as the demand is greater to accommodate all patrons. Training will be provided. There is also a need for people to help with counting tickets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. If you are able to help or want to learn more about any of the different tasks, contact Debbie Klein at 403-1527.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thurs., May 3, 2018 in Rm. 21 of the PAC following the 7 p.m. Mass.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz