

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, May 3, 2018

Elected Members in Attendance: Mary Hummeldorf, Denise Blum, Bill Keuper Margie King, Debbie Klein, Bill Windisch, Pam Vehr

Elected Members Not Present: Mary Dewald

Ex Officio Members in Attendance: Fr. Gardner, Jenni Petrey **Ex Officio Not Present:** Wilma McGlasson

Recording Secretary: Janice Stentz

Opening Prayer

April minutes: Approved

Fr. Gardner's Report

In the parish:

- There have been five funerals since February: Marcia Wietlisbach, Norma Niehoff, Mary Garvey, Dan Ems, and Rita Rust.
- The Lenten Season: Holy Week liturgies have taken place. St. MM hosted the pastoral region's liturgies for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. While all went well, volunteers for the various ministries have dropped and will need to pay attention to this for next year.
- The celebration of Confirmation for three of our youth took place on Mar. 18 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains with Bishop Joseph Binzer presiding. The parish celebration with their families took place after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Apr. 8.
- On Sun., May 6, the parish celebration of First Holy Communion for David G. and Ayden K. will take place at the 8:30 a.m. liturgy and Lorelei D. will be making her First Communion at Assumption.
- The Light is On For You took place on Feb. 27. There was small turnout again this year.

In the Archdiocese:

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) for the most part is completed. St. MM parish's goal was \$13,490.00. Out of 502 registered households there have been 105 responses for pledges (representing 20.11% overall participation), totaling \$12,630.00 representing 93.62% of the parish goal, with \$8,817 already paid.

St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:

In addition to the Holy Week liturgies that took place at St. MM, the Pastoral Region Lenten Penance Service was held at Assumption Church on Mar. 13.

O.L.G. School Update:

- Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year continues. Indications from the administration office are that enrollment numbers are on course with expectations for next year.
- Fr. Gardner presides at OLG school liturgies on rotation of every third week, this month on May 2 and again on May 22.
- Three St. Margaret Mary students will graduate from OLG this year.

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

- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club** meets every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The group will be finishing *Sacred Fire* by Ronald Rohlheiser in May. There are two new people who will be joining the group in May and Wilma has given them copies of the current book to read. Wilma has also sent a list to group members of possible selections for their next book to begin reading for the June meeting. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.
- **Scripture Study:** The group hopes to decide on a convenient day, time and place to meet soon (in May). The group generally meets weekly to read and reflect on the readings of the upcoming Sunday Liturgies.
- **First Communion:** St. MM has three second graders preparing for First Communion this Sunday (May 6) two of which will celebrate at the St. MM at the 8:30 a.m. Mass and the other will celebrate at Assumption's 11 a.m. Mass.
- **Adult Faith Formation:** We hope to plan for a Church History presentation as soon as our team is available to meet. Other topics will be discussed as well.
- **C.L.O.W:** Children's Liturgy of the Word has ended for the summer months and will start up again in the fall. Thanks to our faithful leaders: Paula Link, Gail Florea and Theresa VonBargen.
- **Mother's Day:** We have a small gift for our mothers. Children volunteers will be asked to help offer this to the mothers at the church doors after Mass on Sat/Sun, May 12/13.
- **The U.S.C.C.B.** has published a pamphlet regarding the recent book from Pope Francis, *Rejoice and be Glad*. Wilma has ordered a few to offer to parishioners, which will be available on the book rack in the parish office vestibule.

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 Archdiocese policy on social media was reviewed and discussed as it pertains to the parish newsletter, which the Communications Commission directly coordinates. It was decided that moving forward it is necessary to be more vigilant about getting permissions from anyone whose photo is published since the newsletter is also published on the website. In addition, as extra precaution where our parish minors are concerned, only the first names and last initials will be used when identifying them either in photos or in the text. It is Communications Commissions recommendation that these same policies be applied to all forms of communication coming from the parish that will be accessible online.
- A review and brainstorming took place related to making the Welcome Packet for new registrants that is in development more visually inviting and fun. A list of ideas was compiled and presented to Jenni Petrey who is overseeing the project for the parish office. After a review with Jenni, some

new direction is required and will be implemented for a revised approach. It has also been suggested that the formation of a Welcoming and Hospitality group would also help serve this cause.

- The timeline for the next parish newsletter was set. The Fall newsletter will cover Aug, Sep, Oct and is due in homes by Aug 1. Content deadline is Friday June 15. Email notifications will be going out to groups around the end of May.

Finance: Jenni reported

- Jenni provided Council members with hard copy of the presentation that Tom Perazzo made at the weekend Masses about the financial needs of the parish. She stressed that the parish is in good shape right now but trends in weekly giving (which continues to be down significantly from what they budget on) and the loss of several parishioners who were faithful contributors need to be addressed now for the future financial health of the parish.
- The number of registered users of Online Giving are up, as well as use of the "quick give" feature which allows a person to make a donation without registering.
- Current enrollment of St.MM students at OLG is 17 with the expected subsidy paid by the parish to be \$640/student for the 2018-19 school year.
- Finance Committee will be meeting on Thu, May 10.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

Currently getting bids to replace the boilers for the Church and the PAC, including replacing the piping that heats the newer wing of the PAC which has been found to have several leaks, and the possibility of needing to have some asbestos abatement done.

Parish Service Organization: Report by Denise

- Scholarship entries that were submitted by our parish OLG eighth graders are currently being reviewed. Scholarship(s) will be presented on May 20 at the Graduates Reception held in the HFR. All parishioners and ALL graduates of any kind are invited to the HFR after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for cake and the festivities. Please take a minute to congratulate our newest graduates.
- The Italian Dinner on Apr 7 was not as well attended as hoped. Profit was \$458.08 with 70 attending. Money earned from the dinner goes towards the eighth grade scholarships awarded each year as well as to financially support other volunteer activities coordinated by the Service Organization (formerly PYO). Attendance has been in decline over the last few years and a decision will be made about continuing it. This is based on the low attendance and having too few volunteers for the amount of planning and work involved.
- The group will next be helping residents play bingo at Mt. Healthy Christian Village on Sat., May 19. (Always the 3rd Saturday of the month) As always, volunteers are welcomed and needed as well as donations of items to be used as prizes. (Lotions, small plush toys, blankets, crossword books, etc.) Note, this is another activity of the Service Organization that is in danger of being discontinued due to lack of volunteer help.

Please contact Denise Blum if you have ideas, questions or are interested in learning how you can help with any of the St. MM Service Organization's activities, 328-1517.

Old Business – Parish Council Nomination & Election Timeline

Six nominations were received and two agreed to the nomination. With two spots to be filled, there will be no election this year. New members are Kelli Hartwig and Kevin Sims. Both will be invited to attend the June Parish Council meeting.

Old Business – Parish Picnic

Jenni shared a copy of the survey form that will appear in the coming newsletter and the parish website which asks for feedback on a new Parish Picnic venue for 2018, specifically Clippard Park in Colerain Township. Other ideas are also welcomed.

Old Business – Festival

The first planning meeting for the 2018 Parish Festival will take place on Thu, May 17 at 7 p.m. in Rm 21. There are a few booths that will need a chairperson this year (Duck Pond, Grand Raffle). Please plan to attend to help get the ball rolling on this major fundraiser for the parish. Contact Jenni Petrey if you have any questions, 521-7387.

Old Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

The formation of an ad hoc committee of parish council members to coordinate and oversee the planning for the 100th Anniversary celebration will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

New Business – Bulletin advertising

Jenni passed along information about a new program that Diocesan (bulletin publishers) has suggested for filling space on the back of the weekly bulletin which entails selling spaces in memoriam for loved ones who have died. Parish Council agreed that it was not something that should be implemented for our parish.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thurs., June 7, 2018 in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz