

**St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, August 2, 2018**

Elected Members in Attendance: Kevin Sims, Denise Blum, Kelly Hartwig, Bill Keuper, Margie King, Debbie Klein, Pam Vehr

Elected Members Not Present: Mary Hummeldorf

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

Recording Secretary: Janice Stentz

Opening Prayer

June minutes: Approved

Fr. Gardner's Report

In the parish:

- Since the last PC meeting in June, there has been one baptism of Patrick, son of Melanie and Josh Neal; one wedding for Melissa Zapf & Zach Kramer; and four funeral liturgies for Don Romer, Tom Diskin, Mary Kreidenweis and Martha Strassel.
- Independence Day was observed on July 4, with a morning Mass at 9 a.m.
- The more immediate preparations and promotion for the Parish Festival are currently underway. The Festival will take place on Sat/Sun Sept. 1/2. [Reminder, there will be a modified Mass schedule for Festival weekend with **Mass at 3 p.m. on Saturday and only ONE MASS on Sunday at 10 a.m.**]

In the Archdiocese:

The parish recently received a rebate for its share of the 1 Faith 1 Hope 1 Love campaign for \$3,992.00

St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:

With the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falling on a Wednesday this year it remains a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The schedule of Masses for the region is: Vigil Mass at Assumption at 7 p.m. on Tues., Aug. 14 and at 9:15 a.m. on Wed., Aug. 15; and Masses at St. MM on Wed., Aug. 15 at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

O.L.G. School Update:

- School related meetings are starting up for the new school year with the first day of school on Thur., Aug. 23.
- Fr. Jerry will continue to serve as Juridic pastor for the school.

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

- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club:** The group will NOT meet in August. The next meeting will be on Tues., Sept. 18, in Rm. 20 at 6:30 p.m. They will be discussing the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. All are welcome. If you want more information, contact the Faith Formation Office.
- **Scripture Study** group is planning to begin meeting again in September after the Festival. Day and time still to be determined.
- **Adult Faith Formation:** The Faith Formation team has begun planning programs and events for the fall season, including a Church History presentation, which was a requested topic in a recent survey of parishioners.

Youth and Young Adults:

- Parish School Religion (PSR) will begin on Sun., Sept. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the church undercroft. Registration forms are available around the corner from the parish office on the book rack.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume on Sun., Sept. 9 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- Sacramental Preparations continue to be evaluated by the leaders of these programs during the summer months.
- **Catechetical Sunday:** will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on Sun., Sept. 16. Those who help in these areas at St. MM will be recognized at the weekend Masses.
- **Altar Server Training:** will be offered after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sat., Aug. 4 & 11; and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Aug. 5 & 12. Students in 5th grade and up, **and their parents or any adult who is interested in being a part of this program** are welcomed to this ministry. Those interested should meet in front of the Church after Mass.
- **VIRTUS:** The child protection program will be presented at St. MM on Wed., Aug. 8 in Rm. 21 from 4-7 p.m. The class is full at this time. There are other parishes in the area that will be offering the program if there is an urgent need, or Wilma can schedule another session if needed.

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 has not met during the summer months. Will meet during August if schedules permit.
- The fall newsletter has been arriving in homes. Next newsletter will be due to arrive at the beginning of November.

Finance: Jenni reported

- Jenni provided Council with the Finance report for July 2018. The new fiscal year began on July 1. At this time, weekly collections are slightly over the amount that was calculated into the budget.
- The parish has received its most recent installment from the Archdiocese's 1 Faith 1 Hope 1 Love Campaign in the amount of \$3992.00.
- The 2018-19 budget will be published in the bulletin the weekend of Sept. 22/23. Jenni requested the signatures of two Council members for the copy that will go to the Archdiocese. It was suggested that a line of explanation be added to the copy that will go in the bulletin clarifying that money was transferred from savings to cover the expenses shortage during 2017-18 fiscal year.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- Continuing to get bids to replace the boiler for the Church. This work needs to be completed before winter. Also getting bids for asbestos abatement/removal for the boiler related pipes under the newer classrooms of the PAC. Undecided at this time about what approach will be used to resolve the issues related to the asbestos and the leaking pipe. Will need to see how the bids come back.
- Looking ahead, the AC for the Church is going to need to be replaced soon and will be another large expense for the parish.

St. MM Parish Service Organization: Report by Denise

- The summer months have been quiet for the group.
- They volunteered at Mt. Healthy Christian Village on July 21. The group will next be helping residents play bingo at Mt. Healthy Christian Village on Sat., Aug. 18. (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.) Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to this activity. It will make a lot of people happy and is a true blessing for the residents. It is a great opportunity for service hours. It was suggested that Assumption be made aware of it for service hours as well.

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.

New Business – Parish Bingo program

Debbie reported that there is an immediate need for help with the cafeteria concessions on the 1st and 2nd Fridays of the month and for a call back person on the 4th Friday of the month. Concessions volunteers need to be there by 7 p.m. and are generally done by 9:30. The call back person is needed from 7 p.m. until Bingo is completed, usually around 10 p.m. Debbie also noted that the bingo program attendee numbers have been up and that the more instants seller they have the more they can keep up with the demand. She also reminded that it is considered a parish fundraising effort and no longer just school related. If anyone is interested in volunteering or has questions about what is involved for any of the tasks, contact Debbie Klein at 403-1527.

Old Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

Still looking for a group to form to begin the planning for the anniversary. Margie agreed to be part of the team and Jenni and Janice will organize getting a first meeting scheduled. Those who have already expressed interest in being a part of the planning will be contacted as well. The Archdiocese needs enough advance notice for any event that will involve inviting the Archbishop.

Old Business – Festival Progress Report

- There will be a quick planning meeting on Wed., Aug. 22.
- Preparations are mostly complete. Yard signs will be going out this week.
- Still looking for volunteer help for many of the booths; also need someone or a group to keep the grounds cleaned up and empty garbage cans over the weekend; there is a need for volunteers for the admission gates. This is a sit down job and will be accompanied by a police officer. Jenni is also planning a volunteer drive in the next few weeks. Anyone interested can contact Jenni in the parish office, or fill out the form on the parish website, www.stmargaretmaryparish.org
- Fr. Jerry will make an announcement at Masses this weekend to encourage people to purchase & return the raffle tickets they received in the mail. If everyone purchased the tickets they received it would go a long way to making the Festival a success before it even starts.

New Business – Mass Intentions

Denise was asked by a parishioner to bring the question to Parish Council about the current practice of not announcing the name of the person for whom the Mass is being offered at the Call to Worship. Their concern is that the policy of not announcing the name is deterring people from attending Mass at St. MM for those special occasions. Fr. Jerry explained that the Mass intention is meant to be his intention, not the entire congregation. Others in attendance come to the Mass with their own personal intentions. He feels it limits him if it is put into the context of the Mass being offered just for that one person and not for everyone's intentions. The correct way for this to be treated is the way it is done at St. MM, despite what other parishes may be doing. He offered to speak with whomever the person was that approached Denise to further explain.

New Business – Pastoral Region Plan

It is time to consider if a joint meeting will take place with Assumption to review the Pastoral Region Plan, usually in October. Fr. Jerry will mention it at Assumption's next PC meeting.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thur., September 6, 2018 in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz