

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, May 2, 2019

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

Elected Members Not Present: Kevin Sims, Kelly Hartwig **Ex Officio Members in Attendance:** Fr. Gardner, Jenni Petrey

Ex Officio Not Present: Wilma McGlasson **Recording Secretary:** Janice Stentz

Opening Prayer

March minutes: Approved (Note, there was no Parish Council meeting in April)

Fr. Gardner's Report

In the parish

- Since the last meeting, there were three funeral liturgies for Nora Westerbeck, Phil Hummeldorf, and Phyllis Wurzelbacher.
- The Lenten Season, Holy Week and now the initial weeks of the Easter Season have been being observed over the past two months. The reconciliation initiative The Light Is On For You took place on Mar. 19, as well as the Pastoral Region Lenten penance service on Apr. 2. Praying of the Way of the Cross took place on the remaining Tuesday evenings and Thursday evening Masses during Lent were also scheduled.
- The Holy Week liturgies at St. MM went well, with the two Good Friday liturgies and the Easter Sunday Masses. More attention will need to be paid to the sign up process for the ministry needs for next year as some were unfilled for the Easter Vigil which took place at Assumption.
- The Easter Egg Scramble was again well received by the community. Fr. Jerry expressed his thanks to those who helped organize the event.

In the Archdiocese:

- The 2019 CMA has been underway since Commitment Weekend on Feb. 3. Parish results as of April 30, 2019: out of 671 households there have been 87 pledges toward our goal of \$12,964 in the amount of \$9,907.00, with \$7,886.00 of those pledges having been received. The pledge amount represents 76% toward our goal with, 13% of parish households participating.
- The holy oils from the Christ Mass that took place at the Cathedral were distributed by St. MM Deanery's Dean, Fr. Kyle Schnippel, with distribution taking place at St. John Neumann Parish on Apr. 17.
- A new policy regarding the consumption of the Precious Blood after communion was noted in the recent clergy communication from the Archdiocese. It is to be prohibited by any distributors under the age of 21 years.

St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:

The Pastoral Region Lenten penance service on Apr. 2, Holy Thursday evening Mass, and the Easter Vigil during the Night took place at Assumption Church this year with both parishes participating in the associated ministries.

O.L.G. School:

- Fr. Jerry presided at the school liturgy Mar. 12, Apr. 2 and Apr. 30. He is next scheduled in the final month of school on Tues., May 21 and for the Graduation Mass on Wed., May 29 which will be at Assumption Church this year.
- The remaining days of the school year continue with the last day of school on Thu., May 30.

Faith Formation Director's Report – provided by Wilma

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

- **Confirmation Preparation:** St. MM had three candidates who were confirmed on Mar. 13 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. They were introduced to the parish on Sun., Mar. 17 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Holy Family Room.
- **First Communion Preparation:** There is one First Communicant preparing to receive this Sacrament on Sat., May 4 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- **Scripture Study:** The attendance at the Tuesday morning study continues to be small but a very good group. The group meets in the Faith Formation Office at 11 a.m. each week. All are welcome.
- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club:** The group is still going strong with a core group attending every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. They will begin to discuss the book *In the Name of Jesus* on Tues. evening May 21. New members are most welcome. More books have been ordered which will be available from the parish office soon. Please call Maureen in the parish office if you want a book and to be sure they have arrived. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.
- **Easter Dinner Collection:** Thanks to all who contributed to this year's food collection. Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing in Lockland were very thankful for our contributions. The food bags, which were decorated by our children, added to the festivities. Thanks also to Bill Johansing who delivered the filled bags to Valley Interfaith on Apr. 8.
- **The Lamb's Supper:** The Faith Formation Team and Dynamic Catholic Book Club offered some reflections during Lent on the book *The Lamb's Supper* written by Scott Hahn. Attendees met on three Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Rm. 21 of the PAC. Thanks to those of you who participated. An appreciation for the Eucharist was much enhanced after this encounter. Anyone who would like a copy of the book, call the Faith Formation Office or email wmcglasson@fuse.net
- **Summer Offerings:** The Faith Formation Team is reviewing some possibilities for the summer months. Watch the weekly bulletin for more info.

Communications Commission (CC): Janice Stentz reported

- The May-Jun-Jul issue of the parish newsletter went into the mail on time and began arriving in homes before May 1. Next newsletter will cover Aug-Sep-Oct timeframe.
- A sample of a subscription bulletin insert publication was reviewed by the group. It was agreed that it or something like it would be a nice faith forming addition to the communications tools that are available to parishioners. Since this would come from the Faith Formation budget it will need to be presented to Wilma for her input and consideration.
- Planning for the 100th Anniversary continues and CC will be critical to the development of marketing and promotion of the events that are currently being considered for the 2020 celebrations.

Finance: Jenni reported

- Jenni provided Council with the Finance report through April 2019. Weekly collection totals currently appear considerably ahead of what has been budgeted for but this reflects one parishioner's contribution made for the year as a lump sum, so this is likely to even out as the rest of the year progresses.
- Jenni made a point of acknowledging Janice for her assistance with quick turnaround marketing and communications needs when they arise during the course of a day. Jenni also expressed her thanks and appreciation for Amy Bepler who volunteers time on her day off to take the newsletters to the Queensgate Post Office.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- The Finance Committee approved a bid by Century Comfort Systems to replace the air conditioner that cools the church building at a cost of \$46,000.00. The same company recently installed the new boiler to heat the church building. Jenni noted that the work will not begin until mid-June so there may be some warm weekend Masses until the work is completed.
- Denise suggested that it was time to have the altar carpeting cleaned. Jenni will look into it.

St. MM Parish Service Organization: Denise reported

- They are next scheduled to volunteer at Mt. Healthy Christian Village to help residents play bingo on Sat., May 18 from 1:30–3 p.m. HOWEVER, this may need to be cancelled if they cannot get at least one additional volunteer since one of the regulars will not be there. Contact Denise at 328-1517 if you can help.
- The Easter Egg Scramble on Easter Sunday was very well attended with 20-30 children participating.
- There were no applications returned for the annual PYO scholarship, so none will be awarded this year.
- The reception to celebrate all graduates of the parish will take place on Sun., May 19 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the HFR.

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.

Parish Bingo program: Debbie reported

- Program is doing very well, with instant deposits of \$82K for the year so far which is up \$6K over the same time period last year. [Addendum for clarity, net profit for entire Bingo at end of April is \$65,272.21 which is \$14,071.43 more than the same time period last year.]
- Still in need of help to keep up with increased patron attendance. Most urgent needs are for someone to help with concessions and calling back bingos. And always a need for instant sellers. *Anyone interested in helping should contact Debbie Klein, 385-1171.*

Ongoing Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

A couple of core planning groups have started to form and they will all be needing help with various aspects. These groups are planning a kickoff event to take place on Jun. 28, 2020; the reception to follow the anniversary Mass in Oct 2020; and a social event to take place somewhere during the summer months in between. There are also small projects that could use some leadership as well. Please consider attending the next planning meeting on Tues., June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

Ongoing Business – Fr. Jerry's 40th Anniversary

It was decided that Fr. Jerry's anniversary celebration would take place after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sat., Jun 15. Jenni will take the lead to make sure that any plans that need to be made are taken care of.

Old Business – PC Nominations & Election.

Elections took place the weekend of Apr 27/28. Sharon Lech, Donna Bodkin & Ed Cefalu were elected to serve on the new PC beginning in August. They will be invited to attend the June PC meeting on June 13.

Old Business – Fundraising

- Casino Night profit was \$7,295.47. Thanks to all who supported the event with their time and money.
- Jenni Petrey and Kevin Sims are working on details for an event to take place on Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 which will be a Germanfest, featuring all German style foods and drink as well as casino night style games. More details to come but anyone with ideas for food or an activity to add to the German atmosphere, contact Jenni at 521-7387 or Kevin at 535-0440.
- A bus trip to Keeneland is also being considered. If you are interested in participating or helping with this, contact Jenni at 521-7387 or Kelli Hartwig at 245-1771.
- Council is still open to new fundraising ideas to be considered as replacement for the Festival which has been discontinued. Contact any member of PC or the parish office if you have an idea that they can look into.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thur., June 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz