

**St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, June 13, 2019**

**Elected Members in Attendance:** Kevin Sims, Denise Blum, Donna Bodkin, Ed Cefalu, Mary Hummendorf, Bill Keuper, Debbie Klein, Sharon Lech

**Elected Members Not Present:** Kelly Hartwig, Margie King, Pam Vehr   **Ex Officio Members in Attendance:** Fr. Gardner, Jenni Petrey

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

**Opening Prayer**

**May minutes:** Approved

**Welcome:** Newly elected members of Parish Council, Donna Bodkin, Ed Cefalu and Sharon Lech, were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

**Fr. Gardner's Report**

**In the parish**

- Since the last meeting, there were two funeral liturgies for Robert Sickman and Thelma Sterwerf; and one wedding liturgy for Adam Sheehan & Kara Oehler.

- The past month has celebrated the remaining Sundays of Easter, the feast of Ascension, and Pentecost as well as the celebration of Mother's Day, the Parish's recognition of 2019 graduates, and the Memorial Day Mass.

**In the Archdiocese:**

- The 2019 CMA has been underway since Commitment Weekend on Feb. 3. Parish results as of June 10, 2019: out of 671 households there have been 92 pledges toward our goal of \$12,964 in the amount of \$10,287.00, with \$8,942.50 of those pledges having been received. The pledge amount represents 79% toward our goal, with 14% of parish households participating.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: With the publication of a new formation resource in May 2018 for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, an update on training and future new directions for those involved in the ministry is being offered on June 15 at Assumption Parish and on June 20 at St. Margaret Mary Parish. With the expectation of an annual commissioning of those involved in this ministry by the Archdiocese, this will be scheduled around the Feast of Corpus Christi as Fr. Jerry is able to be present for the commissioning. Claire Tenhundfeld from Assumption's Faith Formation Office is assisting Fr. Jerry in this updating.

**St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:**

As announced, Fr. Cross will be stepping down from assisting with the pastoral region's Sunday and holy day Mass schedules as he reduces his weekend schedule. There will be a reception in his honor at Assumption following his last Mass on Sunday, June 30.

Fr. Dale Peterka will be stepping into the role starting on the first weekend of July.

**O.L.G. School:**

- Fr. Jerry presided at the school liturgy on May 21 as well as at the Graduation Mass on May 29 at Assumption Church.

- OLG's school year has ended. Registrations for the new school year continue to take place.

**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.*

- **Scripture Study:** Attendance at the Tuesday morning scripture study continues to be small but a very good group. They meet in the Faith Formation Office at 11 a.m. each week. All are welcome.

- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club:** The group meets every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. They continue to discuss the book *In the Name of Jesus*. Next gathering will be on Tues. June 18. New members are always welcome. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

- **Summer Offerings:** The Faith Formation Team is reviewing some possibilities for the summer months. No decisions have been made yet. More information will be in the bulletin.

- **Mother's Day:** Greeting cards with a note of special prayers and a bookmark were distributed to mothers at the Church doors following the Mother's Day weekend Masses.

- **Father's Day:** Children will be asked to hand out greeting cards with a special blessing to all fathers following the Father's Day weekend Masses.

- **Sacramental Preparation and PREP classes:** Wilma will be reviewing material and planning for these events during the summer. Information will be mailed to families with children in the age groups appropriate for these sacraments. Programs will start in September. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

**Communications Commission (CC):** Janice Stentz reported

There has not been a meeting since the last PC meeting. Nothing new to report at this time.

**Finance:** Jenni reported

- Jenni provided Council with the Finance report through May 2019. Weekly collection totals continue to appear over of what has been budgeted for reflecting a contribution made for the year as a lump sum. This will even out as the year progresses.
- The annual budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which was approved by the parish Finance Committee, was presented to PC members for their review and opportunity to ask questions. No changes were recommended and the final budget will be submitted to the Archdiocese.
- A presentation of the results of the audit conducted by the Archdiocese will be presented at a review on June 27 at 6 p.m. in Rm. 21. Jenni invited members of PC to attend if they would like to hear the results.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Jenni reported

- The new air conditioning unit for the church building will begin being installed on Monday and is expected to be completed in time for the weekend Masses.
- Some concrete repair work is being done on the Grace Ave. side of the PAC and also in areas around some of the doors.
- Painting in areas around the parish grounds will be done between now and October 2020 in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the parish and the Archbishop's visit. Carpeting is also going to be replaced where needed.

**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., June 15 from 1:30–3 p.m. They continue to accept donations of items that can be used as prizes for the residents. They particularly like sugar-free cookies, stuffed animals, and boxes of tissues. Contact Denise at 328-1517 if you can help.
- The reception to celebrate all graduates of the parish took place on May 19. It was not as well attended as previous years. *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

- The Bingo program continues to do very well in spite of the shortage of help each week. Bingo profits are up \$15,052.66 and instants are up \$5,785.00 over the same month last year (May).
- 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, as well as always a need for instants sellers. *Anyone interested in helping should contact Debbie Klein, 385-1171.*

**Ongoing Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020**

The next planning meeting is on Tues., June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

**Ongoing Business – Fr. Jerry's 40th Anniversary**

There was a good response to the R.S.V.P. for the reception following Mass on June 16. Krimmers is catering the event for the main course. Cake and cupcakes will also be provided.

**New Business – German Fest**

- The parish's first German Fest will be on Sat., Sept 14 in the PAC cafeteria. Two attendance options will be available. Early admission will be at 6 p.m. at \$20/person and include a German buffet and drinks. General admission will be at 7 p.m. at \$10.00/person and include snacks and drinks.
- Along with other games of chance throughout the evening there will be an Uber Split-der-Pot. Tickets for the Uber Split-der-Pot as well as a flyer with detail about the event have been mailed to parish households.
- All games now have a chairperson but volunteer helpers are needed in all areas. Anyone with questions or interest in volunteering should contact the Parish Office, 521-7387.

**New Business – Trip to Keeneland**

This is an idea that is being investigated as a possible fundraiser/parish fellowship event. Anyone interested in helping plan should contact the Parish Office, 521-7387.

**New Business – Blessing of Parish Council Members**

The practice of blessing Council members prior to the start of a new session has not taken place for a few years. It was suggested that it should be reinstated. It will be scheduled for a future Sunday Mass.

**Farewell:** Mary Hummeldorf, Debbie Klein, and Pam Vehr were thanked for their service as outgoing members of Parish Council.

**Closing Prayer**

**Next PC meeting:** Thur., August 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz