

**St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, August 1, 2019**

Elected Members in Attendance: Kevin Sims, Donna Bodkin, Kelly Hartwig, Margie King, Sharon Lech

Elected Members Not Present: Denise Blum, Ed Cefalu, Bill Keuper

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, there were two funeral liturgies for Rose Willig and Marie Zappullo.
- Also, the parish celebration of Mass took place on Independence Day.
- The installation of the new chiller for the church building was completed and all are grateful for the AC during the heat of this summer.
- The annual missionary appeal took place on July 27/28 weekend with Bro. Raymond Papenfuss providing an appeal on behalf of the Holy Cross Brothers.
- Fr. Jerry expressed his thanks and appreciation to volunteers and guests who participated in making his recent 40th Anniversary celebration special.

St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:

Fr. Dale Peterka has begun his role helping with the Sunday Masses. While Fr. Peterka is on a four week vacation, Fr. Ryan Ruiz will be providing help for the pastoral region.

O.L.G. School:

OLG's school year begins on Thu., Aug. 22, 2019 with the PTO sponsoring an ice cream social on Sun., Aug. 18.

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 to prepare for the readings of the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome.
- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club:** A strong core group continues to meet every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. They are currently discussing the book *The Saint and the Sultan*. Next gathering will be on Tues., Aug. 20. New members are always welcome. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.
- **Sacrament Preparation and PREP classes:** A letter about Sacramental preparation for the coming year was sent to all families in the parish database who have children eligible for sacraments from Baptism to Confirmation. A copy of the PSR application was included so those who are in public schools will be aware of this program. PSR, CLOW and sacrament preparations for 2019-20 will start in September. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.
- **Child Protection:** Two sessions of VIRTUS were offered in the morning on July 20 and the afternoon on July 31. Both were well attended although not by anyone from Assumption or St. Margaret Mary parishes. There are many options on the VIRTUS website for those who need this class. Registrants need to be sure to identify the parish where they plan to serve for this purpose.
- **Catechetical Sunday:** Parishioners who help with our various Faith Formation programs year-round will be celebrated and honored at the Masses on the Sept. 14/15 weekend. They make the programs we have interesting and full of joyful celebration and the parish is fortunate to have them. We thank them for their time and energy.

Communications Commission (CC): Janice Stentz reported

The most recent parish newsletter went into the mail on time for household to receive them by August 1. It seems that everyone talked to did receive theirs in that timeframe.

Finance: Jenni reported

The new parish financial fiscal year began on July 1. Weekly collections are already below what was expected for the budget but this could be due to many being on vacation. It is hoped this will even out as the year progresses.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- Installation of the new AC unit for the church building is completed and a new fence has been installed around the unit.
- New signage is going to be created to replace and freshen existing signs around the parish grounds.

St. MM Parish Service Organization: Jenni reported

- They are next scheduled to volunteer at Mt. Healthy Christian Village to help residents play bingo on Sat., Aug. 17 from 1:30–3 p.m. Help is needed for this very fun volunteer opportunity. They continue to accept donations of items that can be used as prizes for the residents, especially sugar-free cookies, stuffed animals, and boxes of tissues. Contact Denise at 328-1517 if you can help.

- Looking ahead, the annual Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 2.

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: Jenni reported

The Bingo program continues to do very well as the major fundraiser for the parish but it is **in desperate need of volunteer help in all areas**. Vacation time, personal lives and illness have been taking a toll on the regular helpers. Help is needed to keep up with increased patron attendance. There are several tasks that are easy, sit-down tasks for those who aren't able to do a lot of walking. An appeal is being drafted to go out to parishioners within the next month outlining the Bingo program's specific needs. Many hands make light (and less frequent) work. *If you are interested in helping, contact Debbie Klein, 385-1171.*

Ongoing Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

The next planning meeting is on Tues., Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 21 of the PAC. Subcommittees for the various events being planned are forming now and those groups will be looking for help. If you are interested in helping but don't necessarily want to come to planning meetings, contact the parish office, 521-7387 to be put in touch with someone on the committee.

Ongoing Business – German Fest

- The next planning meeting is on Thu., Aug 8. 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 includes a German buffet and drinks **which requires a reservation**. General admission will be at 7 p.m. at \$10.00/person and will include snacks and drinks.

- **Volunteers are needed.** Also, they are looking for volunteers to operate the grill and to run the Combination Raffle for the event.
- There are plans to have a tent outside with a Bier Garden set up for guests who prefer to sit outdoors. The main event will take place in Madonna Hall.

- The Über Split-der-Pot is growing. Parishioners are asked to purchase or sell the tickets that were mailed to them and return the money to the Parish Office. Additional tickets are available.

- Plans are for the baskets to be available in the HFR on a weekend before the event so that parishioners will have an opportunity to buy tickets in advance.

- Anyone with questions or interest in helping should contact the Parish Office, 521-7387.

New Business – New Parish Office Hours

Due to the adjustment of hours for parish staff to accommodate the new budget, the parish office hours have been changed. M, T, Th, F hours are 9 a.m.–Noon and 1–4 p.m. On Wednesdays, the hours are 9 a.m.–Noon and 1-3 p.m.

New Business – Election of PC Officers

A nomination was made to continue Kevin Sims as PC Chairperson and Denise Blum as Vice-Chair. Kelly motioned first and Margie motioned second to accept.

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.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thur., Sept. 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 21 of the PAC.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz