

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2018

Council Members Present: Fr. Tom, Fr. Al, Deacon Jay Cormier, Deb Carney, Tina Doherty, Kristen Klecan, Jess Miller, Dawn Pavlini, Chris Raymond, Therese Vallario

Council Members Not Present: Steve Barretto, Lisa Ricci, Debbie Sarnie

Call to Order: 7:17PM

Opening Prayer: Dawn Pavlini

Father Tom's Pastors Report:

34 Main Street (Yellow House): The purchase and sale agreement of this property will be finalized on April 20, 2018.

Infant Changing Stations: These have been installed in the bathrooms located near the classrooms at the MQP campus. Due to fire code regulations, these cannot be installed in the bathrooms located in the vestibule at the MQP campus.

Fr. Nick: Has returned to his Tertianship in Oregon. Fr. Nick shared his many talents generously with the parish during his tertianship "experiment." He was especially inspiring for the Faith Formation families through his presence and presentations.

Community Garden: The garden will be planted again this year, in the same location. A banner with an arrow will be displayed at the MQP campus to increase awareness of this ministry.

Healing Service: The Healing Service was held on March 18, 2018 at MQP. The format of having a simple service instead of a full Mass will be adopted in the future.

Stations of the Cross: On March 16, 2018, five members of the Pastoral Council led the Stations of the Cross service. All the participating members found this to be a moving experience as the focus of the service was based on the way of the cross through Mary's perspective.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: This event will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30PM in the St. Joseph School Auditorium.

Music Minister: Bernie Choiniere has been hired for the 6:30PM Mass. Bernie is also employed by St. Patrick Church in Lawrence, MA as their music director.

Young Adult Representative: Fr. Tom appointed Jess Miller as the Young Adult Representative to the Pastoral Council. This is a one year appointment by the Pastor.

Old Business Updates:

Welcoming Community Subcommittee: People at both campuses are availing themselves of our "welcome bags," which contain handmade rosaries and a prayer.

Embracing Hope Subcommittee: To invoke the Spirit, as well as to highlight the Kids Church Ministry, the little ones along with all of the children in attendance at the 9:30AM Family Mass

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on Sunday, May 20th (Pentecost) will join together in singing *Hosanna Rock*, as the sending forth song.

New Business:

Pastoral Council Nominations: Steve Barretto and Justine Dufour are collating the nomination forms. Jess Miller and Therese Vallario will contact the nominees via telephone/email. The nomination deadline is the weekend on April 21-22. The discernment sessions will be held on Thursday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 10th at 7:15PM at MQP.

Next Council Meeting: June 14, 2018 at MQP in the Emmaus Room

Closing Prayer: 8:37PM Fr. Tom